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1500 Liberty Trust Bldg.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

October 12, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated August 5, 1937 in regard to the continuance of stop notices against 1935 Ford V-8 two door Sedan, Motor #2044557 and 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor PJ 522772, Serial #2618667.

Please be advised that recent inquiry at the office of the Registrar of Motor Vehicles in both States of Pennsylvania and Delaware disclosed that no information concerning these cars had been received by either of these Bureaus to date. You are advised that stop notices covering both of the above cars have been continued at each of the above Bureaus.

There being no additional investigative work to be performed in this district the matter is being Referred Upon Completion to the Office of Origin.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT C. HENDON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building  
Kansas City, Missouri  
October 11, 1939

Special Agent in Charge  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

A review of the file in this office fails to reveal any handwriting specimens of either Mr. or Mrs. Milton Lett. In view of this fact there are transmitted herewith two mail trailers received in connection with mail covers in this district. The first one is addressed to Mrs. B. C. Hollingworth, 427 South Washington, Wichita, Kansas, with a return address, Mrs. M. C. Johns, 1924 Locust Street, Omaha, Nebraska. The second is addressed to Mrs. Addie C. Murrain, 711 South Main Street, Carrollton, Missouri, which bears no return address.

No leads have been set out to determine the identity of the writers of these letters.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

LHR:B

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO.

K.C. FILE NO. 7-37

REPORT MADE AT <b>Kansas City</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10-13-37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10-7-37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>S. B. LANDRUM</b> <span style="float: right;">SW</span>
TITLE <b>GEORGE TIMINEY, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <span style="float: right;">A. V. Ferris, Wichita, Kansas, father of Mrs. Milton (Lucille) Lett, advised that there is little likelihood that Mrs. Eva Hooper, Springfield, Missouri, knows anything concerning the whereabouts of Lett and wife. Ferris restated his desire to cooperate with the Bureau in locating Lett, and stated that he has no idea where Lett is or how he can be located.</span></p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent W. E. Hopton, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 8-21-37.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>At Wichita, Kansas:</u></p> <p>A. V. Ferris, father of Mrs. Milton (Lucille) Lett, was located at the Yingling Brothers Motor Company used car lot on South Emporia, and he stated that he has not heard from his daughter either directly or indirectly since last contacted by this Agent and that he has no idea where she and her husband, Milton Lett, are at the present time. Mr. Ferris said that he is positive that Maggie Lett, the mother of Milton Lett, knows the latter's whereabouts but that she will not cooperate in effecting the apprehension of her son, and will not tell him how to contact his daughter.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>Wm. H. Murray</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <b>7-576-14793 OCT 16 1937</b> <b>OCT 15 P.M.</b> <i>ONE 0132</i> <i>STAT SECT</i> <i>4-11-37</i>	
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Mr. Ferris stated further that Mrs. Eva Hooper, Springfield, Missouri, is a sister to Constance Ferris, the mother of Lucille Lett, and that Mrs. Hooper is not his sister. He said that he is well acquainted with Mrs. Hooper and that she is a very difficult individual to get along with. It was Mr. Ferris' opinion that there is very little likelihood that Mrs. Hooper knows anything about the whereabouts of Lucille and Milton Lett because he said that Lucille Lett was never very close to Mrs. Hooper, her aunt; however, Mr. Ferris said that he would contact Mrs. Hooper at the very earliest opportunity and try to secure any information she has concerning Lucille and Milton Lett and their whereabouts. The telephone number and address of the Kansas City Field Division were again furnished to Mr. Ferris, and he agreed to immediately contact the Kansas City Office or the writer should he secure any information of value concerning Lett's whereabouts from Mrs. Hooper.

Mr. Ferris assured Agent that he had not heard from his daughter since her elopement with Milton Lett and he said that he was very anxious to locate her, and that for that reason he would cooperate with the Bureau in any way possible in locating Milton Lett.

Agent was further advised by Mr. Ferris that one George Gobler, a former deputy sheriff at Coffeyville, Kansas, is alleged to have some information concerning Milton Lett's whereabouts, and he suggested that Mr. Gobler be interviewed. Mr. Ferris said that he had never had an opportunity to contact Mr. Gobler. A lead is being set out to contact Gobler.

It was Mr. Ferris' opinion that Lett and his wife are not in Wichita, Kansas, at this time because he said if his daughter were living in Wichita he believes that she would either contact him or that he would indirectly receive information concerning her presence in Wichita, and he has never heard that they are residing in Wichita.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

The OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION, at Coffeyville, Kansas, will locate and interview George Gobler, a former Deputy Sheriff, for any information he may have concerning the whereabouts of Milton Lett.

P E N D I N G

Post Office Box 1630,  
San Antonio, Texas,  
October 12, 1937.

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Special Agent in Charge,  
Little Rock, Ark.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to your personal and confidential letter of September 25, 1937, and pursuant thereto arrangements have been made with Sheriff Norfleet Hill, Houston, Texas, to cover any conversations Herbert Akers may have with Haynes or Morris in the Harris County Jail.

Very truly yours,

Gus T. Jones,  
Special Agent in Charge

TBS:MTB

cc-Bureau

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1 REPORT MADE AT Los Angeles, Calif.	2 DATE WHEN MADE 10-16-37	3 PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8-30-37	4 REPORT MADE BY R. P. Kramer RS
5 CHARACTER OF CASE Kidnaping; Obstruction of Justice; Harboring of Fugitives; National Firearms Act.			
6 SUBJECT GEORGE TIMINEY, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mrs. Raymond Mize (known as Peggy Mize), Mojave, California, advises that she is sister of Milton Lett but has no knowledge of his whereabouts, and that she would furnish no information if she had it.

Report of Special Agent R. M. Pranks, Los Angeles, California, dated July 29, 1937.

REFERENCE:

AT MOJAVE, CALIFORNIA.

DETAILS:

DON BRINK, Deputy Sheriff, who had been previously contacted on several occasions with reference to PEGGY MIZE, stated that he had been watching Mrs. Mize and her husband, and had recently had some trouble with them because of their connection with labor trouble on the Los Angeles aqueduct project near Mojave, on which project Mr. Mize was employed. Brink stated that in his opinion both Mr. and Mrs. Mize were unreliable and that for this reason he had watched their home rather closely but had been unable to observe the presence of MILTON LETT.

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Accompanied by Don Brink, agent interviewed PEGGY MIZE and her husband, RAYMOND MIZE, at their home. Mrs. Mize stated that she was a sister of MILTON LETT, but that she had not seen him for some time, and that the last occasion on which she saw him was at their mother's home. She stated that she had no information concerning the present whereabouts of Lett, and in the event she did have such information she would refuse to furnish it to law enforcement officers. Mrs. Mize assumed a very belligerent and uncooperative attitude during the interview, and stated that she had been contacted several times before in connection with her brother; that she felt that her brother was being persecuted by the authorities; and that her idea in the matter was that if the authorities wanted her brother for questioning, or for any other reason, it was their duty to locate him, and that she did not wish to assist in any way whatsoever.

Mrs. Mize refused to state whether MILTON LETT was younger or older than she was, whether she was in communication with him, and also refused to say when she last saw her brother Milton. She stated that she had written letters to her mother, and that she was aware of the fact that the Postmaster in Mojave, Calif., was watching her mail, and also stated that to her knowledge no one else in Mojave was corresponding with her mother so that any letters received by her mother from that city must have come from her.

Mrs. Mize stated that she is perhaps closer to her brother Milton than any other member of her family, but advised that she did not believe he would contact her, although she did state that should he do so she would not report the fact to the authorities.

During the interview with Mrs. Mize and her husband, it was casually ascertained that her husband had lost his job on the aqueduct project by reason of the fact that he had gone on strike, and that all of the strikers had been refused the right to return to work; that Mr. Mize contemplates obtaining a job on a State highway project for a period of sixty days in the near future; that the Mizes have three small children whose ages are approximately seven, four years and six months; that they are living in a poor sort of dwelling and are renting out rooms.

During the conversation, Mrs. Mize also made the remark that Milton Lett had been married "under the very noses of the authorities", but when questioned regarding this she refused to state where this marriage had taken place, or when, although from other portions of her conversation it may possibly have been in Wichita, Kansas.

Deputy Brink stated that he is presently making arrangements to assist RAYMOND MIZE in obtaining work on the State highway project, and that for this reason he believes that the Mizes are adopting a more friendly attitude toward him. Brink promised that he would maintain a close watch on the Mizes, and in the event he learned that MILTON LETT was contacting them he would immediately advise the Los Angeles Division.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE LOS ANGELES DIVISION will keep in touch with DON BRINK, Deputy Sheriff, at Mojave, California, and obtain any information he may secure.

PENDING.

Post Office Drawer V,  
Plaza Station,  
St. Louis, Missouri,  
October 16, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Re: Brekid *Edward G. Bremer*

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the undeveloped lead set out in the report of Special Agent Wilmer L. Thompson, New Orleans, Louisiana, dated October 1, 1937, for the St. Louis Office to contact [redacted] for information regarding the whereabouts of J. E. Mallins.

I am forwarding herewith two copies of the report of Special Agent R. L. Johnson, dated at St. Louis, Missouri, October 16, 1937, entitled, J. W. Mallins alias J. W. Miller alias J. W. Williams; National Motor Vehicle Theft Act; for your information concerning Mallins. I am also transmitting one copy of the report of Special Agent Johnson referred to above to each of the following offices with copies of this letter: Cleveland, Dallas, New Orleans, Memphis, Little Rock, and Indianapolis.

Very truly yours,

V. W. PATTERSON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-25

REPORT MADE AT <b>DETROIT, MICHIGAN</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/18/37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/9, 18-20, 23, 25; 9/2, 10, 16/37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>H. A. LOUGHRAN</b> <span style="float: right;">WRA</span>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Investigation conducted looking toward apprehension of Anthony Amersbach in this district, but nothing developed indicating his presence here. Investigation discontinued on his apprehension. Department of State, Lansing, Michigan, advises 1935 Ford V-8 Tudor Sedan, Motor #2044337 and 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor #PJ-322772, not registered in Michigan. Stop notices regarding Amersbach withdrawn.

- RUC -

**REFERENCE:**

Letters from Cincinnati Office dated July 13, July 26, August 5, and August 24, 1937.

Telegram from Cleveland Office dated July 26, 1937.

Letter from Detroit Office to Cleveland Office, dated August 3, 1937.

Letter from Chicago Office dated August 4, 1937.

Report of Special Agent H. A. Loughran, Detroit, Michigan, dated July 9, 1937.

**DETAILS:**

On July 16, 1937, this office was advised that it was no longer necessary to locate GEORGE G. RORKE as he had recently been located and interviewed.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:

*Ray C. [Signature]*  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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On July 26, 1937, the Detroit Office was telegraphically advised by the Cleveland Office to discontinue investigation regarding BENSON GROVES, confirmed by letter from the Cleveland Office under date of July 28, 1937.

Pursuant to the request of the Cleveland Office, as contained in letter from that office dated July 28, 1937, to interview DOLORES DELANEY at Milan, Michigan, regarding her personal property, that office was advised by letter from the Detroit Office, under date of August 3, 1937, of the fact that Dolores Delaney had already been interviewed as set forth in the letter from the St. Paul Office to the Bureau under date of May 6, 1937. Under date of August 4, 1937, the Chicago Office advised this office of the results of a review of its file on this case regarding the above matter.

Pursuant to letter of reference from the Cleveland Office dated August 5, 1937, a letter was directed to Mr. Leon D. Case, Secretary of State, Lansing, Michigan, on September 10, 1937, requesting that this office be advised if 1935 Ford V-8 Tudor Sedan, Motor #2044337, or Plymouth Sedan, 1935 Model, Motor #PJ-322772, Serial #2619857, had been registered in Michigan during the current year. Subsequently, the Secretary of State advised that these cars were not registered. A stop notice was placed against these cars by the Secretary of State, and this office will be notified in the event an attempt is made to register them at some future date.

Deputy Chief of Detectives WILLIAM COLLINS, Police Department, Detroit, Michigan, was contacted as to any information he might have had regarding Anthony Amersbach, but advised that he had nothing new of importance.

Mrs. Bruce (Daisy) Young, 14686 Prairie Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, was re-interviewed and advised that she had heard nothing new regarding Anthony Amersbach; that she had ascertained from Francis Ferris, 15457 Greenlawn, Detroit, Michigan, that her mother, Kate Means, was supposed to be living with her sisters, Alpha Price and Grace Swank, at 2063 - 25th Street, Detroit. She further advised that Anna Gordon, an old friend of Phil Amersbach, resided at 15003 E. Jefferson Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

Detective E. D. KINNEY, 13th Precinct, Detroit Police Department, was interviewed and advised that he would check, through an informant, as to whether Subject Amersbach was contacting Eileen Clark's place on Cass Avenue near Palmer in that precinct. He subsequently advised that no information was de-

veloped that any contact was being maintained by Amersbach with this woman. Detective Kinney also advised that he had covered the gambling houses in Hamtramck, Michigan, but had found nothing to indicate that Amersbach had been frequenting these places.

Detective WALLACE McGRATH and Detective MYRON JACOBS, 9th Precinct, Detroit Police Department, were interviewed regarding 666 Lothrop, the tavern reported in reference report as being a likely spot for Amersbach to contact if he came to Detroit, Michigan. This address is covered by the above precinct. They advised that they had an informant named Martin Glick who worked next door to 666 Lothrop who would be the best party to contact regarding the possibility of Amersbach's contacting Charlie Fisher, and that it would do no good to see Fisher as he probably would not co-operate. Contact was made with Martin Glick, who stated he knew one of the boys very well who worked at Fisher's who would know if Amersbach were contacting that individual and he would see him. He was subsequently interviewed and advised that he had been unable to obtain any information that Amersbach was frequenting this place.

Acting Sergeant WILLIAM S. BASTIEN, Grosse Pointe Park Police Department, was interviewed and advised that he knew of no woman by the name of Anna Gordon residing at 15003 E. Jefferson Avenue, located just outside of the city limits of Detroit in Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan. John Poneikis, 15005 E. Jefferson Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan, was interviewed by the above officer and agent and advised that Anna Gordon had formerly resided in Apartment 3, 15003 E. Jefferson, but that she had moved and her present whereabouts was unknown to him. He advised that when Anna Gordon lived there she was occasionally visited by a man from Cleveland who was the door man at some gambling place in that city. Violet Rollins, Apartment 3, 15003 E. Jefferson Avenue, was interviewed and advised she knew nothing about the people formerly in that apartment. She advised the apartments were owned by John Cutler, residing at Fairfax and Balfour.

H. BOYCE, Carrier #1461, New Fairview Branch Post Office, covering 15003 E. Jefferson Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan, was interviewed and advised he had no forwarding address on Anna Gordon from that address.

The Record Bureau of the Detroit Police Department showed that Katherine Means, alias Bernice Price, 438 Selden, Detroit, #33623, had been arrested for receiving stolen property on September 13, 1928 and that she was discharged on a writ of habeas corpus on September 17, 1928, after having been fingerprinted and photographed.

Carrier FRED WETBY, #1675, Roosevelt Park Annex Post Office, assigned to the route covering 2063--25th Street, Detroit, was furnished with a description of Amersbach, but stated he had never seen anyone fitting that description at the address mentioned. He stated that a letter comes every week for a person named Price, first name not recalled, but the name Amersbach was not familiar to him.

On August 26, 1937, the Detroit Office was advised by the Cleveland Office, by letter, that Anthony Joseph Amersbach was apprehended at Indianapolis, Indiana, on August 24, 1937, by agents of the Bureau, and that investigation regarding this individual should be discontinued.

Deputy Chief of Detectives William Collins and the other members of the Detroit Police Department mentioned above in this report were contacted and advised of the above information, as was the Grosse Pointe Park Police Department, in order that stop notices might be removed from their files. Similarly, the warden of the Michigan Branch Prison and House of Correction, Marquette, Michigan, was notified by letter under date of September 10, 1937.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent W. H. Espey:

Prison records of Ed Summers, alias Phillip Amersbach, #3764, Michigan Branch Prison and House of Correction, Marquette, Michigan, were reviewed and a list of all correspondents, relatives and friends of Summers was obtained. The records were also searched for the names of visitors and the dates on which they visited Summers, along with the names of persons who credited money to Summers' account at the prison. The information obtained is not being set out in detail due to the receipt of information that Amersbach has been taken into custody. The notes of Agent Espey are being retained in the Detroit Office file on this case.

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**THE GREYHOUND ENGINEERING CO.**

327 N. W. FIRST AVENUE

MIAMI, FLORIDA

Oct. 21 1937

Mr J. Edgar Hoover  
Chief of F.B.I.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Hoover:-

I am taking the liberty of writing your office direct about a matter I have reasons to believe your department will be interested; Time and space here will not permit a detailed description of what I have to relate but I will be glad to talk to any one you choose to have see me.

By the way of a little explanation, I have been, recently, swindled out of a sum of money by a supposedly good friend whom I have known at intervals for some years; At one time or another, he mentioned some prominent under world characters stating he knew them very personally.

After having thot the manner out very carefully in which I was swindled, I happen to recall of one instance he disclosed a connection with Karpis and Barker in the City of Havana, Cuba. At the time, I did not give it more than a passing conversation but since the swindle, I am confident your department will be glad to interview the gentleman, if he can be called such, if we can find him and I know your department CAN.

If I can be of any help to you, and I know you can be of help to me, I will be glad to meet you or any operator you choose to hear my story. I have not talked to any person or persons concerning this matter and with the exception of my good wife, no one in the world knows that I am writing you or your department.

Very sincerely,

*Stuart G. Lawrence*  
Stuart A. Lawrence.

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P.S. My home address is 410 S.W.26 Road, Miami, Florida.

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Mr. Stuart A. Lawrence,  
410 S. W. 26th Road,  
Miami, Florida.

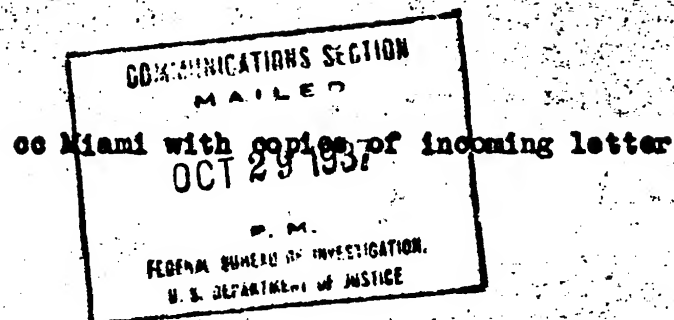
Dear Mr. Lawrence:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 21, 1937, in which you indicate that you have information concerning certain crimes.

Please be advised that I have furnished this information to Mr. R. L. Shivers, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 1300 Biscayne Building, Miami, Florida, who will assign an Agent to interview you relative to this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



RLS:rd

1300 Biscayne Building  
Miami, Florida

October 18, 1937

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

PERSONAL and CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you that Mr. William Herrin, Secretary to Congressman J. Mark Wilcox, called at this office on October 14, 1937, to make what he termed a "courtesy visit".

Mr. Herrin informed me that Congressman Wilcox regarded the Bureau very highly from both the standpoint of achievement and personnel but that the Congressman did not have such a high regard for the Department. He also stated at the risk of political defeat, the Congressman had come to Miami in behalf of Joe Adams, during the latter's recent trial, and had appeared here not as an attorney, but as a witness. I did not ask him what the Congressman would have testified to had he been called, nor did I comment on any of Mr. Herrin's observations.

Very truly yours,

R. L. SHIVERS  
Special Agent in Charge

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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

October 21, 1937.

Honorable Charles W. Jones,  
United States Marshal,  
Indianapolis, Ind.

Re: BREKID

Dear Mr. Jones:

The United States Attorney at Cleveland, Ohio,  
has referred to me a copy of your letter dated October  
18, 1937, inquiring as to the present address of  
Beatrice Amersbach, sister of Anthony Amersbach.

The latest information in the files of this  
office reflect that Beatrice Amersbach resides at 7134  
Clark Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

Very truly yours,

F. W. STAPLETON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

October 21, 1937.

Honorable Emerich B. Freed,  
United States Attorney,  
Federal Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BRUKID

Dear Mr. Freed:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 19, 1937, enclosing copy of a letter received from the United States Marshal at Indianapolis, Indiana, and inquiring as to the present address of Beatrice Amersbach.

Please be advised that according to the latest information in our files, Beatrice Amersbach was residing at 7124 Clark Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. This information has been furnished the United States Marshal at Indianapolis, Indiana.

Very truly yours,

T. W. STAPLETON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

TWS:MJ  
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Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Nathan  
Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Buchanan  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Crowl  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Foxworth

Dear Mr. Hoover:-

Before I ask any favors from you let me introduce myself. I am Gertrude Bell Miller Campbell wife of Harry Campbell, inmate at Alcatraz.

You always were so kind and nice to me, and wished to offer my appreciation. Your agents told me to take some sort of a course and make something of myself, so as I've always desired am going to take a beauty course. Will have keeping my mother all summer and winter and getting to where

I must ask if you couldn't see to it, I either get my husband had favor or get that state

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appreciate any further information in regards to it. I am not a bad person or am I a criminal, nor do I try to make it out I'm an angel. We all have our faults. Am going to try and do that and occupy my mind and it costs the full amount of \$150.00 total. \$100.00 tuition and \$4.42 for kit besides extra's.

Now don't want to be of any trouble to any one as my pride has been walked on enough, so if you can do anything for me will be only too glad!

Will close hoping to hear from you very soon. The sooner I start the better off I'll be.

Please Mr. Harner help me.

Am waiting for my husband to get out as I truthfully love him and can't forget him. Don't be disgusted with me, as I may get over it. I think he has learnt his lesson by now and if there is any chance of your helping him. For my sake, please do. I need his help and he put on my shoulders what I must carry so I think he should be here with me to help and protect me as a husband should.

Do you think he has any chance of release? Am waiting for him, so please, if it isn't ~~very~~ trouble, let me know. (over)



As Ever:

Mrs. Estrella Camacho  
750 1/2 Tecumseh St.  
Toledo, O.

Wm. Henry Billster.

P.S. Thank You a Million  
and hope you will listen,  
read and help me.



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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir: Re: BREXID

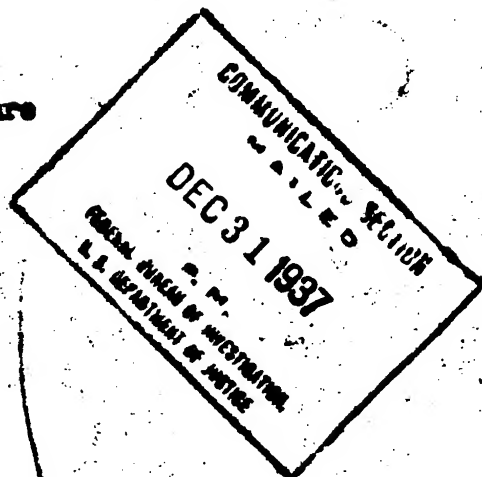
I am transmitting herewith copies of a letter dated October 19, 1937, from Mrs. Gertrude Campbell, the wife of Harry Campbell, who is presently incarcerated in the Penitentiary at Alcatraz Island, California.

The Bureau desires that your office have an Agent immediately call upon Mrs. Campbell and advise her that the Bureau is without authority to assist her in the matter set forth in her letter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure



Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Baughman	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Coffey	.....
Mr. Crowl	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
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Mr. McGuire	.....
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Mr. Pennington	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Schilder	.....
Mr. Tamm	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

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Oct. 19, 1937  
Toledo., O.

Dear Mr. Hoover:-

Before I ask of any favors from you let me introduce myself. I am Gertrude Billeter Miller Campbell wife of Harry Campbell, inmate at Alcatraz.

You always were so kind and nice to me, and wished to offer my appreciation. Your agents told me to take some sort of a course and make something of myself, so as I've always desired am going to take a beauty course. Well have keeping my mother all summer and winter and gotten to where I must ask if you couldn't see to it, I either get the money my husband had saved for me there or get that state pension. Will appreciate any further information in regards to it. I am not a bad person or am I a criminal, nor do I try to make it out I'm an angel. We all have our faults. Am going to try and do that and occupy my mind and it costs the full amount of \$150.00 total. \$100.00 tuition and \$14.42 for kit besides extra's.

Now don't want to be of any trouble to any one as my pride has been walked on enough, so if you can do anything for me will be only too glad.

Will close hoping to hear from you very soon. They sooner I start the better off I'll be.

Please Mr. Hoover help me.

Am waiting for my husband to get out as I truthfully love him and can't forget him. Don't be disgusted with me, as I may get over it. I think he has learnt his lesson by now and if there is any chance of your helping him. For my sake, please do. I need his help and he put on my shoulders what I must carry so I think he should be here with me to help and protect me as a husband should.

Do you think he has any chance of release? Am waiting for him, so please, if it isn't any trouble, let me know.

As Ever:-

/s/ Mrs. Gertrude Campbell  
750 $\frac{1}{2}$  Tecumseh St.  
Toledo., O.

% Henry Billeter.

P.S. Thank You a Million and hope you will listen, read and help me.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio.

St. L. FILE NO. 7-43

REPORT MADE AT Saint Louis, Missouri	DATE WHEN MADE 10-25-37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10-19-37	REPORT MADE BY R. L. Johnson A
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEX, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases; FUGITIVE, I. O. No. 1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER--VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE Kidnaping; Obstruction of Justice Harboring of Fugitives; National Firearms Act.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Oren Farris has no information as to present location of Mrs. Milton Lett. <span style="float: right;">RUC</span>			
Reference: Report of Special Agent C. A. Grill, Kansas City, 9-9-37.			
Details: <u>At Callao, Missouri</u> W. P. Clarkson, Postmaster at Callao, advised that Oren B. Farris had moved from Callao and had left a forwarding address of Brookfield, Missouri.			
<u>At Brookfield, Missouri</u> Oren B. Farris advised that he had not seen his niece, Lucille, daughter of Constance Farris since she was a young girl. He could furnish no information as to her present whereabouts, but advised that if he learned where she was located, he would advise the Saint Louis Field Office. He was furnished the address of the Saint Louis Office. He was questioned as to the names and addresses of the immediate relatives of Mrs. Lett, but he furnished no names that are not reflected in reference report, other than that of Mrs. John Hopper, Kansas City, Kansas (exact address unknown), an aunt. Since it is believed that the Kansas City Office has her name and address, no lead is being set out herein to interview her. He explained that there are a large number of Farris in and around Brookfield, Missouri, and that most of them have never seen Mrs. Milton Lett.			
Agent interviewed Mrs. Rosa Shaffner of Brookfield, who advised that she is a great aunt of Mrs. Lett. She said that she had seen the girl only one time in her life, that being several years ago. She stated that she had a brother, Willie Farris, who lives at Brookfield, Missouri, a brother, John Farris, who lives at Saint Catherine, Missouri, and a brother, Alfred Farris, who lives three miles northwest of Saint Catherine, Missouri. She was sure that none of these relatives has ever seen Mrs. Milton Lett.			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. W. [Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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Post Office Drawer V,  
Plaza Station,  
St. Louis, Missouri,  
October 25, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Re: Brekid

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter of October 16, 1937,  
to the Cincinnati Office relating to this case.

For your assistance in conducting investigation  
relative to J. W. Mullins, I am enclosing one copy of the  
report of Special Agent William T. Morton, Memphis, Tennessee,  
dated September 8, 1937, which explains the connection of  
J. W. Mullins with this case.

Very truly yours,

V. W. PETERSON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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CITY OF TOLEDO

OHIO

DIVISION OF POLICE



RAY E. ALLEN  
Chief of Police

10-26-37

JOHN N. EDY  
City Manager

Dear Director: -

Regarding our conversa-  
on selecting a man to do some work  
for me. I am anxious to get started  
would appreciate any help you might  
give me, in the way of recommending the  
right party.

Could you tell me about what Mr.  
Mr. Dill and his partner will call -  
me.

Congratulations on the fine work you  
did up in Maine, sorry to know that  
if your men were injured.

Please address all correspondence persons.

Sincerely,  
Ray E. Allen  
Chief of Police  
Toledo, O.

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CITY OF TOLEDO  
OHIO  
DIVISION OF POLICE

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Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Tracy	
Miss Gandy	

Dear Director: -

Regarding our conversation selecting a man to do some work for me. I am anxious to get started would appreciate any help you might give me, in the way of recommending the right party.

Could you tell me about what time Mr. Dill and his partner will call on me..

Congratulations on the fine work you did up in Maine, sorry to know that one of your men were injured.

Please address all correspondence personal.

Sincerely,

(s) Ray E. Allen,

Chief of Police,  
Toledo, Ohio.

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Mr. Ray E. Allen,  
Chief of Police,  
Toledo, Ohio.

My dear Chief:

Your letter of October 26, 1937, was called to my attention immediately upon my return to Washington.

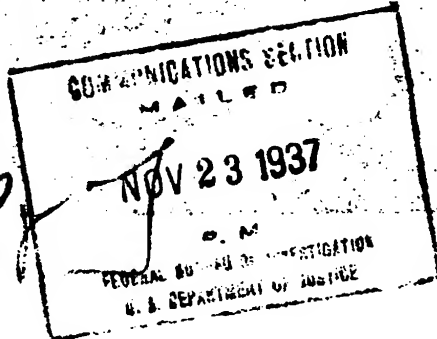
With reference to your request for the recommendation of an individual to assist you, I regret that I have been unable to locate a person who would meet with the necessary requirements.

Relative to your request concerning the call to be made upon you by Special Agent H. B. Dill, you are advised that in view of emergency situations which have recently arisen, it has not been possible for Mr. Dill to furnish you the desired information to date. However, I have instructed Mr. T. N. Stapleton, Special Agent in Charge of the Cleveland Field Division of the Bureau, to telephonically communicate with you in order that Agent Dill or another Agent fully acquainted with the facts can arrange to furnish you with the desired information.

Cordially,

J. Edgar Hoover

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
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Mr. T. W. Stapleton,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1448 Standard Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Stapleton:

There is enclosed herewith a copy of a letter dated October 26, 1937 from Mr. Ray E. Allen, Chief of Police at Toledo, Ohio. Chief Allen is desirous of securing information concerning certain phases of the investigation at Toledo, Ohio, relative to the activities of the Barker-Karpis Gang.

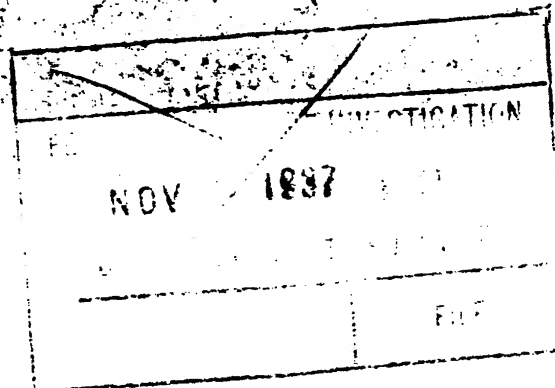
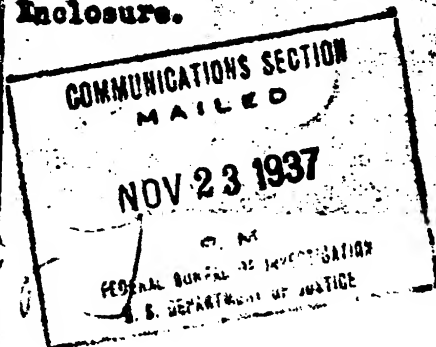
It is desired that you immediately communicate by telephone with Chief Allen and arrange to have either Special Agent H. B. Dill or another Agent fully acquainted with the facts at Toledo verbally furnish him with the desired information.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

PERSONAL ATTENTION

Enclosure.



Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Baughman .....  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Kansas City, Missouri,  
October 28, 1937.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D.C.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your letter dated October 5, 1937(7-576), Special Agent H. L. Scott, while at Jefferson City, Missouri, called on Edna Murray, inmate in the Missouri State Penitentiary. Agent Scott advised Edna Murray that the rules and regulations of the Department precluded the writing of a letter such as she had requested in reference to her parole by anyone connected with the Bureau.

Agent Scott advises that he had quite some conversation with Edna Murray and when she was advised that the Departmental regulations precluded the writing of a letter in her behalf to the parole authorities, she was entirely satisfied.

Very truly yours,

*Dwight Brantley*  
Dwight Brantley  
Special Agent in Charge

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

1616 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,  
Kansas City, Missouri  
October 29, 1937

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Please refer to your letter of September 28, 1937 in this case (Bureau File 7-576) instructing that investigation to determine whether Attorney Hugh Larimer at Topeka, Kansas has harbored subjects in this case be conducted.

You are advised that Special Agent J. M. O'Leary has been working on this case for the past several days and a report is expected within the not distant future.

Very truly yours,

*Dwight Brantley*  
DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

1616 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,  
Kansas City, Missouri  
October 30, 1937

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith the original  
and two copies of a letter written by Bryan Bolton,  
an inmate of the U. S. Hospital for Defective Delin-  
quents, Springfield, Missouri, addressed to Dr. M. R.  
King, Superintendent of that institution, which he  
turned over to an Agent of the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

*Dwight Brantley*  
DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Several men have been indicted in Cleveland, Ohio for being members of the Barker-Karpis gang.

Two of these men - Arthur Hebbard and a man known as Shimmy - entertained the Karpis, Karpis and Harry Campbell at their night club during the summer of 1934 on several occasions. At the time of the arrest of Paula Harmon, Veronica Burdette and Elizabeth... they occasionally drove out to the home where the Barkers were staying and arranged them to leave town at once.

I am giving this information as I believe it is true and will testify to it in court if I am subpoenaed.

Respectfully  
Bryan Bolton

Ans  
11-18-37  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

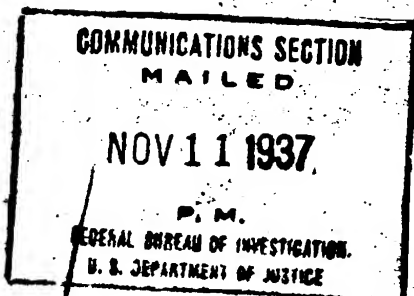
Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith copies of a letter dated October 26, 1937, addressed to Dr. M. R. King, Springfield, Missouri, and signed by Bryan Bolton, concerning the harboring investigation in connection with the Bremer Kidnaping Case in Toledo.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure.



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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO. 7-33-

REPORT MADE AT <b>Dallas, Texas</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10-29-37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10-26-37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>H. W. Kage</b>
TITLE <b>GEORGE TIMANEY, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE - I. O. #1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING- OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE- HARBORING OF FUGITIVES- NATL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Neither Sheriff Edwards nor Constable Elliott of Baird, Texas, have any information as to whereabouts of Milton Lett. Mary Lou Howell claims does not know Letts or Kenneth Lang. Lang has no information since last interviewed. <div style="text-align: center;">R.V.C.</div>			
Reference: Report of Special Agent R. C. Coulter, Dallas, Texas, dated 3-14-37; report of Special Agent A. P. Kitchin, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 3-22-37.			
Details:  At Baird, Texas.  R. L. Elliott, Jr., City Marshall, stated that he has been keeping close watch on Kenneth Lang since last interviewed by an Agent and that Lang has been steadily employed and has been in no trouble. He further stated that Lang has been working night at the T & P Cafe which is owned and operated by Frank E. Stanley, who bears a very good reputation in Baird and to whom he thinks Lang has been paroled. He further stated that Lang married Anita Styles of Baird a few months ago and that the couple are residing at the home of her mother, Mrs. L. V. Rudder of Baird.  In reference to Milton Lett, Mr. Elliott, stated that he was positive Lett had not been in Baird and that he has no information as to his present whereabouts.  Sheriff R. L. Edwards, Baird, stated that Deputy Sheriff Nordyke is at present out of the city but that no information had been received relative to the whereabouts of Lett. In reference to Mary Lou Howell, he stated, she was still in his employ and that he was positive she did not know Lett or Land and further			
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that she has had no callers nor has she associated with any men since she has been in his employ now about three years.

Mary Lou Howell was interviewed at the County Jail at Baird. She stated that her home was at Rising Star, Texas, where her parents reside. She further stated that she is not acquainted with either Milton Lett or Kenneth Lang and does not understand how her name has ever been linked with these men and further that she has not associated with any men since she has been in the employ of the Sheriff.

Kenneth Lang was interviewed at his home. He stated that he is employed as night waiter at the T & P restaurant, Baird and expects to continue his employment there. In reference to Milton Lett he advised that he had not seen Lett nor had he received any information as to where he might be located since last interviewed by an Agent. He further stated that his promise to cooperate in an effort to obtain information was still good and that in the event he receives any information he would immediately advise the Dallas Division.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN

P. O. Box 1430  
San Antonio, Texas  
October 30, 1937

Special Agent in Charge,  
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

With reference to the letter from the Little Rock to the San Antonio office dated September 4, 1937 requesting that all available information relative to 1937 Texas license #37231 be obtained from the State Motor Vehicle Bureau at Austin, Texas and that appropriate leads be set out to ascertain whether the car bearing these license plates was reported stolen, please be advised that the records of the Automobile Registration Division of the Texas Highway Department, Austin, Texas, reflect that 1937 Texas license #37231 was issued to Mr. John Rose, Killeen, Texas, for a Whippet Sedan, Motor #96A330922, and that these plates have not been reported as stolen.

Investigation at Killeen, Texas disclosed that Mr. John Rose is a farmer and has been residing in the vicinity of Killeen, Texas all of his life and bears a good reputation in that community.

In view of this fact Mr. Rose was interviewed and he advised that he had purchased a Whippet automobile from Miller Brothers, Saco, Texas, on January 10, 1936 and had obtained 1937 Texas license #37231 in April, 1937 and that he had never been out of the State of Texas in the Whippet automobile and had never lost either of his license plates and that neither of them had been stolen.

An examination of this Whippet automobile disclosed that both license plates #37231 were on the car and that the motor # was 96A330922.

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Yours very truly,

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Gus T. Jones,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Cincinnati

FILE NO. 7-37

REPORT MADE AT <b>Kansas City</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>11/3/37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10/28-30/37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>R. F. Newkirk</b>
TITLE <b>GEORGE TIMINEY with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>Kidnaping; Obstruction of Justice; Harboring of Fugitives; National Firearms Act.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>Mary Collins, sister of Milton Lett; Hazel Anderson, and Thelma Fritz, nieces of Milton Lett and Lewis Ray Thornton deny any knowledge of Lett's whereabouts or any recent contact with Lett.</b>			
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REFERENCE: <b>Report of Special Agent L. H. Richmond, Kansas City, 8/31/37.</b>			
DETAILS:			
At Tyro, Kansas.			
<p>Roy Collins, brother-in-law of Milton Lett, who resides one mile east of Tyro, advised that he has no further information concerning Milton Lett and has heard nothing concerning Lett since last interviewed by a Bureau Agent. He said he is certain his wife, Mary Collins has not heard anything concerning her brother, Milton Lett, in at least a year and a half and has no knowledge as to his whereabouts.</p> <p>Mary Collins stated Lett had not visited her in at least two years and she has no knowledge as to where he might be at this time and is certain none of her family have heard from Lett since February, 1936. Mrs. Collins stated Milton Lett was very much attached to his mother, Maggie Lett, and if he contacted any of the family, she would be the one he would likely contact. Mrs. Collins further stated that several weeks ago her sister, Jane Collins, had visited her at one time and she and Jane had talked about their brother Milton Lett and wondered where they might contact him in the event any of his relatives should die and Jane had told her that she had no idea where Lett might be.</p>			
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Concerning the various relatives of Milton Lett as set out in report of reference, Mrs. Collins advised that Lela Mize, who was formerly Lela Forth, is now living at Mojave, California; that Ethel Walker, sister of Lett, is now located on Rural Route #1, Coffeyville, Kansas; that Fred Collins, nephew of Lett, is now located at South Coffeyville, Oklahoma; and that another brother, Sig Lett, is now at the home of his mother, Maggie Lett at Wann, Oklahoma.

It was ascertained that the Collins family receive their mail through the Caney, Kansas Post Office and in the absence of the Postmaster, Post Office Clerk G. S. Carinder was requested to place a 30 day cover on the mail of the Collins family.

At Iola, Kansas.

Sheriff Clarence Warren advised he has been keeping close watch on Lewis Ray Thornton, friend of Milton Lett and is quite certain Lett has not contacted Thornton recently. He stated Thornton has been bootlegging at Iola for the past year and that he intends to see to it that Thornton leaves Iola in the near future. Sheriff Warren further advised he believed that one Hiram Lieurance, who is now in the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing, could furnish information as to Lett's whereabouts since Lieurance was quite friendly with Lett at one time.

Agent accompanied by Sheriff Warren contacted Lewis Ray Thornton who resides on RR#1 3 miles west of Iola, who admitted he is and has been a good friend of Milton Lett but stated he has not seen Lett since Bureau Agents started looking for him. He stated further that he had no idea where Lett is at this time but is quite certain Lett was not in Kansas because he is too well known to remain very long without being arrested. He was interviewed at length but no information of value to this investigation was obtained and it is not believed that Thornton would be inclined to give information concerning Lett's whereabouts even if he had such information.

In the absence of Postmaster B. F. Scarborough, Miss Thelma Brewer, Clerk in charge of the Iola Post Office, was requested to place a 30 day cover on all mail received by Lewis Ray Thornton.

At Chanute, Kansas.

Miss Hazel Anderson and Mrs. Thelma Fritz, nieces of Milton Lett, 21 South Allen Street, both advised they had no information concerning Lett and they have very little to do with other members of the Lett family and

and it is unlikely they will learn anything concerning Milton Lett. They both stated they had no particular regard for Lett and stated if they learn of any information that might be helpful in locating him they will transmit same to the Kansas City Office.

**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:**

THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE at Coffeyville, Kansas will contact Ethel Walker, sister of Lett for any information she may have as to his whereabouts.

At South Coffeyville, Oklahoma will contact Fred Collins, nephew of Lett, for any information he may have as to Milton Lett.

THE KANSAS CITY OFFICE at Lansing, Kansas at the Kansas State Penitentiary, will interview Hiram Lieurance for any information he may be able to furnish as to Lett's whereabouts or to former associates of Milton Lett.

At Kansas City, Missouri will report the results of covers placed on the mail of the Collins family at Tyro, Kansas and of Lewis Ray Thornton at Iola, Kansas.

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1616 Federal Reserve Bank,  
Kansas City, Missouri,  
November 3, 1937.

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Mr. C. E. Hanlon,  
Postmaster,  
Caney, Kansas.

Attention: Mr. G. S. Carinder

Dear Sir:

This will confirm the recent request of Special Agent R. F. Newkirk of this Bureau that a 30 day cover be placed on all mail received by the Collins family, Caney Route #1.

It is kindly requested that tracings obtained through this cover be marked for the attention of our file #7-37.

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Bureau: Re: *D* BREKID

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1616 Federal Reserve Bank,  
Kansas City, Missouri,  
November 3, 1937.

Mr. B. F. Scarborough,  
Postmaster,  
Iola, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

This will confirm the recent request of Special Agent R. F. Newkirk of this Bureau that a 30 day cover be placed on all mail received by Lewis Ray Thompson, RR #1, Iola.

It is kindly requested that tracings obtained through this cover be marked for the attention of our file #7-37.

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

FILE NO. 7-36

REPORT MADE AT Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE 11/3/37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/20, 21/37	REPORT MADE BY W. E. Hopton
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE Kidnaping; Obstruction of Justice; Harboring of Fugitives; National Firearms Act.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  In an attempt to locate Milton Lett efforts presently being made at Coffeyville, Kansas to locate his wife, Lucille Ferris Lett, through former girl friends, as well as associates and schoolteachers of her younger brother, Lyle Ferris. Bert Zigenfuss advises Lett was recently at Neodesha, Kansas. Arrangements made with Bill Lett, Nowata, Okla., to take his mother to visit with her sister, Maggie Lett, Wann, Okla., in effort to determine location of Milton Lett.			
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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent W. E. Hopton, Okla. City, 8/21/37; report of Special Agent L. M. Richmond, Kansas City, 8/31/37; and report of Special Agent S. E. Landrum, Kansas City, 10/15/37.			
DETAILS:  In an effort to locate Eddie "Doc" Lett at Bartlesville, Oklahoma, Agent checked the directories and made inquiries at the Post Office, as well as the Bartlesville Police Department. No record of Lett was located in the directories and advice was received from J. F. Campbell, Bartlesville Post Office, that Eddie Lett has not received any mail there for quite some time.  Lee Gimlin, Sergeant of the Bartlesville Police Department, ad-			
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vised that he originates from Wann, Oklahoma and was acquainted with the Lett family at that place; that about a year or so ago he had occasion to make inquiries in Bartlesville for several Kansas officers for the purpose of assisting them in locating Eddie Lett to determine if Milton Lett might possibly be contacting him, and at that time he had ascertained that the Lett family at Bartlesville had moved to Kansas City and he was unable to secure their address. Gimlin mentioned that he knew a Battie Lett who had indulged in bootlegging activities and who at the present time is believed to be living in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**At Coffeyville, Kansas.**

Mrs. Esther Twilley, 1311 Spruce Street, advised that Edith Morris is presently residing with her husband, Earl Morris, at 108 North Cherry, Commerce, Oklahoma. Mrs. Twilley stated that she has received no information since the last interview with Agent concerning the whereabouts of Milton Lett or his wife. She advised Agent that within the next few weeks she expects to visit several persons whom she knows at Wann, Oklahoma, at which time she will make discreet inquiries concerning Lett. Mrs. Twilley related that she feels fairly certain in her own mind that Mrs. Constance Ferris, who resides with Mrs. Bessie Haggard at 605 West 10th Street in Coffeyville, positively knows the location of her daughter, Lucille. When Agent inquired of Mrs. Twilley whether she was acquainted with Bessie Haggard, she stated that she knew her and that in her opinion Mrs. Haggard would not furnish any information relative to the Ferris family, particularly Lucille Ferris.

Bessie Haggard, 605 West 10th Street, upon interview advised that Mrs. Constance Ferris is still residing with her and is working at the WPA sewing room in Coffeyville. Mrs. Haggard stated that she has on various occasions conversed with Mrs. Ferris relative to her daughter Lucille and that Mrs. Ferris told her that she does not hear from her daughter and that she has not seen her since she left home. Mrs. Haggard related further that she has never seen any mail which appears to have come from Lucille Ferris, nor has she seen anything to indicate that Mrs. Ferris might possibly know the location of her daughter.

The individual mentioned in the report of Special Agent S. B. Landrum, Kansas City, October 13, 1937, as George Gobler, a former Deputy Sheriff, is no doubt identical with George Tobler, who is a former Deputy Sheriff and resides at Coffeyville, Kansas. This person is known to the writer and has been contacted on numerous occasions in the past relative to this case and although Tobler is cooperative, he has not been able to secure any definite information as to the location of Lett.

Virginia Thurston, timekeeper and foreman of the WPA sewing room, old City Hall, and who is a sister of George Tobler, advised Agent that

her brother had told her some time ago that Lett was no longer wanted. Upon being advised by Agent that Milton Lett is wanted by the Bureau she stated that she would cooperate with Agent in every possible way in an effort to locate Lucille Ferris Lett, whom she stated she had known when she lived in Coffeyville with her mother, Constance Ferris, who presently works under her in the WPA sewing room. Miss Thurston stated that she feels quite certain Mrs. Constance Ferris knows of the location of her daughter but that she will not under any circumstances reveal any information that might indicate her location. Miss Thurston stated that a lady friend of hers who is well acquainted with the Lett family might be of some assistance in this case and that she would contact her as soon as possible and solicit her assistance and cooperation in locating Lucille Ferris Lett. Miss Thurston stated also that she is acquainted with several girl friends of Lucille Ferris in Coffeyville, Kansas and through them, as well as others whom she will attempt to develop, will endeavor to ascertain if they have heard anything from Lucille Ferris since she left Coffeyville. She stated that immediately upon receipt of any information as a result of her inquiries she would notify the writer at Tulsa, Oklahoma. During the course of the interview Virginia Thurston related also that F. B. Hanlon, whom she knows and who has been mentioned in previous reports of the writer, has telephoned her several times in the past month in an effort to solicit her help in locating Milton Lett for him. In this connection Miss Thurston stated that she would not go out of her way to assist F. B. Hanlon because she did not like him. While Agent was at Coffeyville, Kansas, several attempts were made to locate F. B. Hanlon for interview but he was not found at his office or at his residence. Miss Thurston stated further that Lucille Ferris has one brother named Lyle Ferris, who is about seventeen or eighteen years old, who is presently attending the Junior High School or the High School in Coffeyville; that Lyle Ferris, to her knowledge, is living with his mother, Mrs. Constance Ferris, at 604 West 10th Street.

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F. H. Veneffiel, Roosevelt Junior High School, advised that Lyle Ferris is presently enrolled in the Field-Kindley High School.

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Victor Klotz, Principal, Field-Kindley High School, advised that Lucille Ferris was known to him when she was enrolled in the high school and that her brother, Lyle Ferris, is presently attending the Field-Kindley High School. Mr. Klotz expressed his desire to cooperate in every way with Agent and stated that he would attempt in a discreet manner, through the medium of teachers as well as known associates of Lyle Ferris, to determine the present location of Lucille Ferris. A franked envelope was left with Mr. Klotz in order that he might immediately furnish any information that he secured through this source.

Bert Zigenfuss, who resides about five or six miles from the Lett family, near Wam, Oklahoma, stated that since Agent last contacted him he

has been developing contacts and informants in that vicinity in an effort to locate Milt Lett. He stated that he received what he considered reliable information several days ago that Milt Lett about three or four weeks ago was at Neodesha, Kansas. He stated he has received no definite information indicating that Milt Lett has contacted or made visits at his mother's place near Wann, but that he feels positive in his own mind that Maggie Lett knows the location of her son. He related that the mail carrier on the route on which the Lett family is located is a good friend of his and will advise him of any pertinent information relative to this matter. It was Mr. Zigenfuss' opinion that one M.D.L. Cox, a negro attorney at Coffeyville, Kansas, keeps in close touch with the Lett family and because of the fact that he was very well acquainted with Milton Lett, may possibly be in possession of information that would assist in locating Milton Lett. Zigenfuss stated, however, that an open interview with Cox would be of no avail and that he had recently been in touch with a rather close acquaintance of Attorney Cox, who he stated will endeavor to secure what information he can through that source. Mr. Zigenfuss stated that any and all information that may be of any assistance whatsoever in this case which he might receive will be immediately transmitted by him to Sheriff Hugh Owen at Nowata, Oklahoma, who in turn will immediately contact Agent at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

At Nowata, Oklahoma.

Sheriff Hugh Owen stated that he has received no information relative to this case since Agent last contacted him. Sheriff Owen advised Agent that Bert Zigenfuss is a good man to keep in touch with in connection with this case because of his connections in the vicinity in which the Lett family resides and stated that Zigenfuss, who is a former peace officer, is a reliable individual.

Agent in company with Sheriff Owen contacted Bill Lett at his residence at Nowata, at which time Lett advised the writer that he is positive his cousin, Eddie "Doc" Lett, is presently residing somewhere in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. In this connection he stated that he had about a week or two ago talked with Eddie Lett, at which time Lett stated he was married and living in Bartlesville. During this interview Bill Lett related that he considered Eddie Lett as being an unreliable individual and that very little credence could be placed in anything he might say. At the request of Sheriff Owen and the writer Bill Lett agreed to drive his mother to the home of Maggie Lett at Wann, Oklahoma within the very near future in order that either himself or his mother might in a discreet manner secure some information from Maggie Lett concerning the location of her son, Milton Lett. Arrangements were made whereby he would immediately furnish whatever information he might secure during this visit to Sheriff Owen, who would transmit same to the writer.



UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE KANSAS CITY DIVISION at Neodesha, Kansas will exhibit the photograph of Milton Lett and Lucille Ferris to employees at the Post Office, as well as local officers, to determine whether Lett has been seen in that vicinity within the past month or two.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE at Commerce, Oklahoma will interview Elith Morris, wife of Earl Morris, 108 North Cherry, and solicit her cooperation in this case.

At Coffeyville and Nowata, Oklahoma will maintain contact with the individuals mentioned in the body of this report.

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BRIEN McMAHON  
Assistant Attorney General

Department of Justice  
Washington

November 5, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER,  
DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

There is attached hereto for your information, a copy of a letter dated October 30, 1937, addressed to Special Assistant to the Attorney General Charles H. Carr, from Ellis Hollums, Managing Editor of the Miami Herald, wherein it will be noted that Andrew Guarante has engaged counsel in Miami to bring a suit against the above newspaper charging libel as a result of alleged improper statements concerning him appearing in the Miami Herald of May 20, 1937. I am also attaching a copy of my reply thereto.

It will be noted that I have declined to furnish the information requested by Mr. Hollums. It will be further observed that the statement appeared on May 20, 1937. I am informed by Mr. Waters that he arrived in Miami on May 24, 1937, while Mr. Carr arrived on May 22, 1937.

*Brien McMahon*

BRIEN McMAHON,  
Assistant Attorney General.

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November 5, 1937.

Mr. Ellis Hollum,  
Managing Editor,  
The Miami Herald,  
Miami, Florida.

Dear Mr. Hollum:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 30, 1937, addressed to Mr. Charles H. Carr, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, wherein it is noted that one Andrew Guarante has engaged an attorney in Miami to bring suit against you for libel for statements allegedly published in your paper on May 20, 1937.

I should like to be of assistance to you in this matter, but it is the unalterable policy of the Department not to furnish information in matters of this kind because all records and information obtained during the course of official investigation must of necessity be considered strictly confidential. I am sure that you will appreciate the necessity of regulations of this nature.

Respectfully,

For the Attorney General,

BRIEN McMAHON,  
Assistant Attorney General.

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Ellis Hollums  
Managing Editor

THE MIAMI HERALD  
Florida's Most Important Newspaper  
Miami, Florida

October 30, 1937.

Hon. Charles H. Carr,  
Special Assistant to the Attorney-General  
Department of Justice  
Criminal Division  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Carr:

Last May, during the time when preparation was being made for the trial of Joseph H. Adams on charges of harboring Alvin Karpis, we published in our issue of May 20 an item to the effect that one Andrew Guarante, when served with a subpoena as a witness, tore it into shreds and later went to the office of the U.S. Marshal, threw the shredded subpoena on the Marshal's desk and said, "Damn the United States." Our story continued to the effect that a bench warrant was issued by Judge John W. Holland, ordering Guarante brought to Miami to face a citation for contempt of court. I am writing you at the suggestion of Mr. Lloyd C. Hooks, Assistant U.S. Attorney for this district. Guarante has engaged a local attorney to bring suit against us for libel, alleging that the incidents reported did not take place. I shall greatly appreciate it if you will advise me what did happen in connection with Guarante's being summoned and also in connection with the contempt citation. Our reporter who covered the story does not remember whether he obtained his information on Guarante from you or from Mr. Herbert S. Phillips, U.S. District Attorney here.

I shall be under obligations to you if you will give me whatever information you have about Guarante that may be useful to us in defending his suit.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

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(S) Ellis Hollums

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

FILE NO. 7-24

REPORT MADE AT <b>Portland, Oregon</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>11-4-37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10-15, 26, 30-37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>S. A. Dennis</b>
TITLE <b>GEORGE TIMINNEY, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS <p>Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Elliston presently thought to be at Home Valley, Washington, and Vern Ferris thought to be at Tacoma, Washington.</p>			
REFERENCE: <p>Report of Special Agent C. A. Grill, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 9-29-37.</p>			
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="transform: rotate(-45deg); font-weight: bold;">EXHIBIT SEC.</div> <div style="transform: rotate(-45deg); font-weight: bold;">NOTED</div> <div style="transform: rotate(-45deg); font-weight: bold;">RECEIVED</div> </div>			
DETAILS <p>At Portland, Oregon: The 1936 and 1937 City and telephone directories for the City of Portland failed to reflect the names of Elmer and Bernice Elliston, or Vern Ferris. It was ascertained from the Credit Department of the Portland Gas and Coke Company that gas service for the period December 1, 1936 to January 11, 1937 was extended to Elmer V. Elliston at 1320 N. McClellan, Portland, Oregon.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE <b>7-576-14815</b>		RECORDED AND INDEXED <b>NOV 8 1937</b>
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It was ascertained that Mr. Elliston had moved from 1320 N. McClaghen and information was obtained from Mr. George Norvy, Superintendent of the Kenton Postoffice station that on February 5, 1937 Elmer Elliston left the forwarding address of Leadville, Missouri, and Vern Ferris left the forwarding address of 604 N. E. Couch, Portland, Oregon.

It was determined from Mrs. Brown, who resides at the Estate Apartments, 204 N. E. Grand, and who was the former landlady at 604 N. E. Couch, that Vern Ferris lived at the latter address alone and moved to 217 S. E. 7th Street, Portland, Oregon, during May of 1937. Mrs. Brown stated that Ferris was employed by the Asbestos Material Co., Portland, Oregon, and she was of the opinion that he later left Portland and went to Suleck, Washington, where he was employed in a mill. Mrs. Brown stated that before Ferris had moved to her place he formerly lived with his sister, Mrs. Bernice Elliston and that she understood that Mrs. Elliston and her husband Elmer, had left Portland for the middle west, and just shortly after Ferris moved to the South 7th Street address, his sister Mrs. Elliston and her husband returned from the middle west accompanied by her brother and father at which time they moved with Ferris on 7th Street. Mrs. Brown could not identify the photograph of Milton Lett as being any one who had visited there.

Mrs. L. D. Kunkel, Landlady at 217 S. E. 7th Street, advised that Mr. and Mrs. Elliston and Vern Ferris resided at her place; that Ferris first moved in and later Mr. and Mrs. Elliston, together with Mrs. Elliston's brother and wife, Clarence and Irma, together with their father came from Missouri, and that her brother and his wife and their father stayed a couple of weeks, and presumably went back to Missouri; that Elliston and his wife moved to 1635 S. W. Alder Street sometime in June and Vern Ferris left to go to Tacoma, Washington, where he is employed by some asbestos or roofing company. Mrs. Kunkel stated that she had never seen anyone resembling the photograph of Milton Lett visit either of the Elliston's or Ferris, and had never heard any of them mention Lett's wife.

Mrs. L. Young, Landlady of the Norris Hotel, 1635 S. W. Alder Street, advised that Mr. and Mrs. Elliston, together with a 3 year old girl, resided at her hotel for a short while and left about 2 or 3 months ago for Home Valley, Washington where they are employed on a farm owned by Mr. Frank Bergenfeld. Mrs. Young likewise could not identify the photograph of Milton Lett as resembling anyone who had ever visited the Ellistons.



Information was furnished by Mr. L. Hodes, manager of the Asbestos Materials Co. 989 S. E. Water Street, to the effect that Vern Ferris had left his employment on June 23, 1937 for the purpose of going to work for the Tacoma Roofing Co., at Tacoma, Washington. In this respect, it was ascertained that Vern Ferris left a forwarding address of general delivery, Tacoma, Washington on July 30, 1937.

ENCLOSURES TO SEATTLE: Copy of Reference report  
Photograph of Milton Lett

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE SEATTLE FIELD DIVISION, at Home Valley, Washington, will locate and interview Mr. and Mrs. Elliston who are employed by Mr. Frank Bergenfeld for information they may have as to the present whereabouts of either Mr. or Mrs. Milton Lett. For the information of the Seattle Field Division in conducting this investigation, a copy of reference report is enclosed herewith as well as the photograph of Milton Lett.

At Tacoma, Washington, will locate and interview Vern Ferris, the Uncle of Mrs. Milton Lett for the same information. Mr. Ferris is thought to be employed by the Tacoma Roofing Co. and is thought to be receiving mail general delivery, Tacoma, Washington.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

1130 Enquirer Bldg.,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

APB:GOC  
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November 8, 1937

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Re GEORGE TIMINEY, with aliases;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases- FUGITIVE;  
I.O.#1232; et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER- VICTIM.

In view of the investigation which is presently being conducted to locate Milton Lett, the Bureau is requested to furnish this office as well as the offices to which copies of this letter are directed, with photostatic copies of any handwriting specimens the Bureau files may contain of Milton Lett's handwriting to be available to those offices for comparison purposes in connection with mail covers which are being maintained on the relatives of Milton Lett.

It is noted that Lett was arrested by the Akron, Ohio, Police Department on 10-19-35 under the alias Thomas J. Shaw. In event the Bureau is in possession of the fingerprint card bearing this signature which was forwarded to it by the Akron, Ohio, Police Department, it is suggested that the above offices be also furnished with specimens of that signature. Milton Lett's FBI number is 1008739.

Very truly yours,

*H. D. Harris*  
H. D. HARRIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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November 23, 1937

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Re: George Timiney, with aliases;  
Doctor Joseph P. Moran, with  
aliases - Fugitive; I. O. #1232,  
et al.; Edward George Bremer-  
Victim.

Dear Sir:

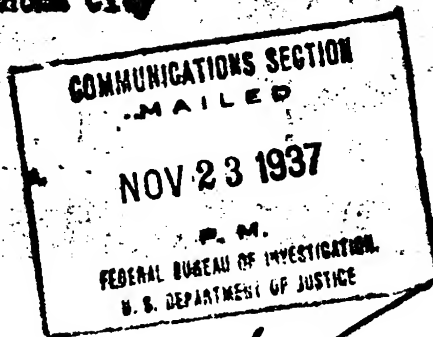
In accordance with the request contained in your  
letter of November 8, 1937 in connection with the above-entitled  
case, there are being transmitted herewith to your office and  
with each copy of this letter to the offices indicated below,  
two copies each of a photographic chart of signatures of  
subject as appearing on the fingerprint cards in the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Baughman .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
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Mr. Schilder .....  
Mr. Tamm .....  
Mr. Tracy .....

cc-Portland  
Los Angeles  
Kansas City  
Oklahoma City



*[Handwritten signatures and initials]*

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO.

K. C. FILE NO. 7-37

REPORT MADE AT Kansas City	DATE WHEN MADE 11-3-37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10-27 to 11-1-37	REPORT MADE BY J. M. O'LEARY <span style="float: right;">wk</span>
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232, ET AL.; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM;			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE HARBORING OF FUGITIVES NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Preston Leroy Paden, Kansas State Industrial Reformatory, now states that he is uncertain as to whether Volney Davis was present at the home of Hugh Larimer at the time Larimer advised him he had read in the newspapers that Davis had been indicted in the Bremer kidnaping. Doris Stanley and Earl Stuchlik have no personal knowledge of Volney Davis' visit to Hugh Larimer. Chevrolet truck, allegedly the property of Volney Davis, sold by Hugh Larimer to Blevins Chevrolet Company, Topeka, Kansas, on May 21, 1935.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated August 3, 1937. Report of Special Agent L. H. Richmond, Kansas City, Missouri, dated August 31, 1937.</p> <p>DETAILS: At Hutchinson, Kansas. Preston Leroy Paden, register #12184, Kansas State Industrial Reformatory, was thoroughly interviewed concerning any information which he might have relative to the alleged visit of Volney Davis to the home of Hugh Larimer in Topeka, Kansas. Paden advised that</p>			
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he had given all the information in his possession concerning this incident to Special Agents A. E. Farland and S. B. Landrum in a signed statement made to them on July 3, 1937. Paden made an additional statement, amplifying the remarks made by him to Agents Farland and Landrum, as follows:

Hutchinson, Kansas  
October 27, 1937

"I, Preston Leroy Paden, make the following voluntary statement to James M. O'Leary, who has identified himself to me as being a Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice. No threats or promises having been made to me.

"On July 3, 1937, I made a statement to Special Agents A. E. Farland and S. B. Landrum of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and I am making this statement for the purposing of adding to the statement made to Agents Farland and Landrum.

"Concerning the 1934 Chevrolet Panel body truck mentioned in my statement I wish to state that this truck was purchased by Volney Davis in the State of Ohio during the year 1934. I believe this truck was purchased in Toledo or Cleveland, Ohio, and was purchased by Davis under the name of J. E. Hansen. At the time this truck was purchased Volney Davis traded in an old Buick Sedan and paid the balance in cash. I do not know the name or address of the dealer from whom this truck was purchased. During the summer of 1934 this truck was licensed in the State of Montana and Davis had a Montana title for same. This Chevrolet truck of which I am speaking is the one which I signed over to Hugh Larimer of Topeka, Kansas, and which he in turn sold to the Blevins Chevrolet people at Topeka, Kansas. I later learned that the Blevins Chevrolet Company sold this truck to a dairy in Topeka, Kansas, as I have seen the truck on the streets of Topeka, Kansas, with a dairy sign painted on the sides. This truck was painted black and had a wall fender for spare tire on the right front fender and it also had a spotlight on the drivers side. This spotlight is the type that is operated from within the drivers compartment.

"The 1933 Chevrolet Coupe mentioned in my statement was painted blue and at the time bore 1935 Missouri license

plates 37-618, and was titled in my name, Preston Leroy Paden, in the State of Missouri. This car was "legitimate" and was purchased by me from a Chevrolet dealer somewhere near 32nd Street in Kansas City, Missouri. I believe that this automobile was purchased by me in January 1935. The records of this automobile motor number should be in the files of the F.B.I. and the Sheriff at Kansas City, Missouri, as Earl Stuchlik had this automobile in his possession when arrested by Agents of the F.B.I., at Kansas City, Missouri.

"Concerning the private garage in which the 1934 Chevrolet Truck was stored in Topeka, Kansas, prior to my turning the papers for same over to Attorney Hugh Larimer I wish to state that this garage was rented by Earl Stuchlik upon the recommendation of a friend known to me only as "Tom". This garage was on a side street on the north of west tenth street, Topeka, Kansas. I do not know in what name Earl Stuchlik rented this garage but think it was either in his name or that of J. E. Hansen.

"As to the reason for my turning the papers of the 1934 Chevrolet Truck over to Attorney Hugh Larimer I want to state that they were turned over to him for the reason that Earl Stuchlik and I were going to Kansas City, Missouri, and we both expected to be picked up by F.B.I. Agents on account of the arrests of Volney Davis and my mother. I did not want to lose the truck and did not want the papers found on my person in the event that I was arrested because I had spent four or five hundred dollars of my money in going to Montana to look after the roadhouse owned by Volney Davis and I expected to get my money back out of the Chevrolet Truck.

"When I turned the Chevrolet Truck over to Hugh Larimer I signed the title of the truck over to him. Larimer at this time told me that he wanted me to write him a letter as if he were absent from his office at the time I called and that in this letter I should tell him to sell the Chevrolet Truck and the 1933 Chevrolet Coupe belonging to me. Larimer dictated the letter and I wrote it out in my own handwriting. The letter was to the effect that the two automobiles were being turned over to him as attorney's fees for defending my aunt, Doris Stanley. I wrote the letter at Larimer's dictation and gave the same to him at the time.

"Concerning the statement made by me to Mr. Farland

that Hugh Larimer had given Doris Stanley one hundred dollars to give me as the proceeds of the sale of my Chevrolet Coupe. I wish to state that the amount was \$110.00. I was later told by Vern Stuchlik, brother of Earl Stuchlik, that Hugh Larimer had told him or that he had heard that Larimer received \$300.00 for the Chevrolet Coupe.

"At the time I was living at McPherson, Kansas, with my aunt, Doris Stanley, and I called Hugh Larimer by long distance telephone at Topeka, Kansas, on several occasions regarding the sale of the Chevrolet Truck. He always told me that he had not yet sold the truck. So I finally decided to go to Topeka and get the truck. When I arrived at Topeka, Larimer told me that he had removed the truck from the private garage and had placed it with the Blevins Chevrolet people. This was late at night and the following morning when I saw Larimer he told me that he had sold the truck to the Blevins people. I went to the Blevins garage and told them that I was going to replevin the truck and they told me that Larimer had sold them the truck and that they had sold it to some dairy in Topeka. I do not know the names of any of the persons with whom I talked concerning this truck. At the time of my visit to the Blevins garage Doris Stanley and Vern Stuchlik were with me. When I questioned Larimer as to what right he had to break the lock on the private garage, remove the truck and sell it he said that Earl Stuchlik owed him that much money for defending him on some charge in Federal Court at Topeka, Kansas. Doris Stanley had come to Topeka as a result of my calling her on long distance at McPherson, Kansas, and telling her what Larimer had done. She talked with Larimer and he told her that her ex-husband, Earl Stuchlik, owed him attorney's fees and that he was keeping the money from the truck to pay them and that he refused to turn any of the money over to me. Doris Stanley then tried to reach Agent Farland of the F.B.I., on the telephone but was unable to reach him.

"While Volney Davis and my mother, Edna Murray, were living in an apartment house as Mr. and Mrs. George Harper, I do not recall the date, Davis and I went to Topeka, Kansas, because Davis wanted to "case" a jewelry store which someone had given him as a "mark". I think that Davis did not know Hugh Larimer at this time. I might mention that this visit was before the arrest of Volney Davis and the truck deal with Larimer. I believe that I suggested that we call on Hugh Larimer and we went to his home. I introduced Volney Davis as "Curly" and do



not remember if I at that time told Larimer who he was. Larimer must have known that Davis was a "thief" because he told us about the night depository in the bank in which he had his office and how it could be "taken" some Saturday night. It may have been the next time that I saw Larimer that I told him who Davis really was. I think that it was a later date when Volney Davis was not present that Hugh Larimer told me that he had seen in the newspapers that Volney Davis had been indicted at St. Paul, Minnesota, in the Bremer Kidnapping.

"That is all that I can remember which would help to make my statement to Agents Farland and Landrum any clearer.

"I have read this statement which consists of two type-written pages and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true."

/s/ Preston Leroy Paden

/s/ James M. O'Leary  
Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri

/s/ E. W. Ford  
Parole Officer, Kansas State Industrial Reformatory,  
Hutchinson, Kansas

At Lyons, Kansas.

Doris Stanley was interviewed at the speakeasy which is conducted by herself and Lexie Davis, girl friend of Preston Leroy Paden. She was questioned concerning any information which she might have relative to the alleged visit of Volney Davis to the home of Hugh Larimer. Miss Stanley stated that she desired to assist the Government in any way possible and that she had no personal knowledge of Volney Davis' visit to the home of Hugh Larimer and that her only knowledge concerning this visit was conversation which she had had with Preston Leroy Paden, in which he told her that he and Davis had visited with Hugh Larimer.

Relative to the Chevrolet truck and the Chevrolet coupe turned over to Hugh Larimer by Preston Leroy Paden, Miss Stanley stated that from about February 5 to June 1, 1935, she was in Federal custody at



Kansas City, Missouri, and that Preston Leroy Paden and her ex-husband, Earl Stuchlik, had gone to Glasgow, Montana, in connection with a roadhouse owned by Volney Davis and Corey Sales. She further stated that Volney Davis had a panel body Chevrolet truck and that this truck was in Montana and that Paden and Earl Stuchlik had brought the panel body truck back to Topeka, Stuchlik driving the truck and Paden driving his 1933 Chevrolet Coupe. She stated that Paden had informed her that, upon his arrival at Topeka, he had turned the Chevrolet truck and Chevrolet coupe over to Hugh Larimer in order that Larimer might sell them for him. When she was released from custody, she states that she drove to Cardin, Oklahoma, to get Paden and that they then drove to Topeka, Kansas, where Paden requested Larimer to pay him for the two automobiles; that at this time Larimer informed them that her ex-husband, Earl Stuchlik, owed him money for attorney's fees and that he was keeping the money obtained from the sale of the cars to pay this debt. Miss Stanley states that both she and Paden advised Larimer that Stuchlik had no interest in either of these cars and that the Chevrolet belonged to Preston Leroy Paden and that the Chevrolet truck was the property of Volney Davis. Miss Stanley states that Larimer told them that he declined to pay Paden for the automobiles and suggested they go to the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth and visit Earl Stuchlik and inquire of him if he did not owe Larimer an attorney fee. Miss Stanley and Paden proceeded to Leavenworth but Larimer failed to keep the engagement. Miss Stanley further stated that during her conversation with Larimer in Topeka, Kansas, she had informed him that she was going to communicate with Special Agent A. E. Farland and that she attempted to get Agent Farland on the telephone but was unsuccessful. She further stated that she was of the opinion that Hugh Larimer was acquainted with Volney Davis and that Davis had visited at the Larimer home on several occasions. She stated, however, that she did not know this of her own personal knowledge but had gathered as much from conversation with Preston Leroy Paden. She further advised that while she and Paden were in Topeka, Kansas, Vernon Stuchlik, her brother-in-law, accompanied them to the Blevins Chevrolet Company, where they obtained details concerning the Chevrolet truck and the sale of same by Larimer. She stated, however, to the best of her recollection, Earl Stuchlik had not accompanied them to Larimer's office nor was he present at any conversations between Larimer, Paden, and herself.

She attempted to locate Betty McCartney at Lyons, for the purpose of finding her relative to the individual she believed to be the one who had visited at her bootlegging establishment on September 1, 1935. It was ascertained from Sheriff Claude Suttle that McCartney was on liquor charges and that on September 1, 1935, she was sent to the State Industrial Farm at Lansing, Michigan, and is presently incarcerated.

At Hill City, Kansas.

Agent interviewed Earl Stuchlik, who advised that he and Preston Leroy Paden had left Kansas City, Missouri, on January 28, 1935, in a 1933 Chevrolet coupe owned by Preston Leroy Paden and that they had proceeded to Glasgow, Montana, for the purpose of looking after a road-house owned by Volney Davis and Corey Bales. At Glasgow, they obtained from Bales a 1934 panel body Chevrolet truck, the property of Volney Davis. Stuchlik states that he drove the truck from Glasgow to Topeka and that Preston Leroy Paden accompanied him, driving the 1933 Chevrolet coupe belonging to Paden. Upon arriving at Topeka, Stuchlik states he drove around the city looking for a private garage and that he finally located a garage from a "For Rent" sign, but that he does not recall the address or street upon which this garage was located. He states no one assisted him in locating this garage and he cannot identify the individual, Tom, as mentioned by Preston Leroy Paden. Stuchlik stated he did not go to Hugh Larimer's office after he placed the truck in the garage, but he knows that Paden did go to Larimer's office and signed the papers for the Chevrolet truck over to Hugh Larimer in order that Larimer might dispose of the truck. He further stated he believed that Paden had turned the 1933 Chevrolet coupe over to Larimer in order that he might dispose of it, through sale. Stuchlik states he had no interest whatever in either of these automobiles and that at the time he did not owe Hugh Larimer for attorney's fees, although Larimer has represented him on several occasions. He further stated that he and Preston Leroy Paden had had no conversation relative to disposing of the title papers to the truck because they feared that they would be picked up by the authorities upon their arrival at Kansas City, Missouri. He states he was very much surprised when he was arrested at Kansas City, Missouri, and that at the time of his arrest he was driving the 1933 Chevrolet coupe owned by Preston Leroy Paden. Stuchlik states that he knows Volney Davis very well and that in 1927 or 1928 Volney Davis was arrested in the apartment occupied by himself and Doris Stanley in Kansas City, Missouri. Stuchlik stated that he has never seen Volney Davis in the company of Hugh Larimer and has never heard that Davis has visited with Larimer. He also stated that, at the time of his arrest in Kansas City with the 1933 Chevrolet coupe, Preston Leroy Paden sent Hugh Larimer to Kansas City for the purpose of effecting the release of the Chevrolet coupe and that Doris Stanley visited him in the jail and told him that Paden had signed the Chevrolet truck over to Hugh Larimer in order that Larimer might sell the same. Stuchlik advised that, if he did have any information concerning visits of Volney Davis to the home of Hugh Larimer, he would be more than glad to turn this information over to the Federal Government because "it will save me from killing him one of these days."

Earl Stuchlik advised that his brother, Vernon Stuchlik, now

resides at 1273 South Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, California. Earl Stuchlik states that it is his intention to remain at Hill City, Kansas, as long as his father is ill, but that, upon the recovery of his father, he expects to leave Hill City but that he will leave a forwarding address in case the Bureau desires to communicate with him.

At Topeka, Kansas.

At the Blevins Chevrolet Company, Agent interviewed Mr. Lloyd Scott, Sales Manager, who exhibited to Agent the books of the company, which reflect that on May 21, 1935, there was credited to Hugh C. Larimer, 911 Douthitt, \$289.73 for a 1934 Chevrolet sedan delivery truck, motor #1361390, serial #1DA05-31707, Montana title #27007, and that this amount was paid by Blevins check #5539.

Mr. Scott advised that Larimer had brought the truck to the garage and said that he wanted some repair work done on it as he wanted to sell it. The car was in the garage for some time and Mr. Scott stated that he learned that his salesmen were trying to sell it and he began making inquiries about it and was informed that Hugh Larimer had placed the truck there. He said there was some question in his mind as to how Larimer had come into possession of a truck and was informed by a salesman, whose identity he does not recall, that Larimer had told him that he had taken the truck in as a fee for professional services. Mr. Scott stated he then requested Larimer to come to his office and Larimer explained to him that he had taken the truck in on a fee and assured him the truck was strictly legitimate and that the title was in good order. Mr. Scott states Larimer did not tell him from whom he had obtained the truck but Mr. Scott later learned, from a source which he does not now recall, that the truck had been obtained from some person involved in the Bremer kidnaping.

Mr. Scott at this time called in Walker Jeffries, a salesman employed by his concern, who advised that Larimer had told him that he had obtained the truck at Kansas City through a deal with some men whom he had defended. Mr. Jeffries states Larimer asked him where he could sell the truck and that the truck had remained in the garage for some time when another salesman by the name of Anderson asked him who the truck belonged to and stated he had a customer who desired to purchase the truck. It was at this time that the Blevins Chevrolet Company purchased the truck from Larimer and later resold it to J. O. Fairbanks, 2735 Iowa Street, Topeka, Kansas.

At the Title Section, Motor Vehicle Bureau, Agent examined Montana title #270070 in the name of J. E. Hansen, General Delivery,

Glasgow, Montana, for Chevrolet one-half ton truck, motor #1361390. The back of this title reflects the following information: purchaser's name - Hugh C. Larimer, 911 Douthitt, Topeka, Kansas, March 21, 1935, signed J. E. Hansen. The second endorsement, also on March 21, 1935, reflects the Blevins Chevrolet Company as the purchaser and Hugh C. Larimer as the person selling the truck.

Assistant United States Attorney Gordon Sloan, Topeka, Kansas, turned over to Agent copies of statements made by Preston Leroy Paden to Joe Anderson of the Kansas Highway Patrol concerning his associations with Volney Davis and other subjects in this case. These statements amplify the incidents mentioned by Paden in his statement to Special Agents Farland and Landrum and are being quoted herein for possible future reference:

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"I am nineteen years old, was born at Miami, Oklahoma, December 27, 1916. My father is George Paden who lives at Chetopa, Kansas. My mother is generally known as Edna Murray. I am at present confined in the Kansas State Reformatory at Hutchinson, Kansas.

"The latter part of January, 1935, Earl Stuchlik and I drove to Montana in my car which was a 1933 Chevrolet Coupe. We had been there about two weeks when I read in the paper where Jess Doyle had hit a federal agent and escaped. I later learned that the paper had this wrong; that it was Volney Davis who had escaped instead of Jess Doyle. I was at Glasgow, Montana. Volney Davis had a night club at Wheeler, Montana. Cory Bales was running it for him. Earl and I started back to Kansas City, Earl driving Volney's 1934 Chevrolet panel sedan and I drove my car. When we got to Topeka Earl and I went to see Hugh Larimer and Earl gave Larimer the papers to this truck and told him it was Volney's truck. We put the truck in a private garage and Earl and I drove to Kansas City in my car.



"When we got to Kansas City we found that Jess Doyle and my mother were in jail at Kansas City, Kansas, and that Doris Stanley was in jail in Kansas City, Missouri. Earl and I stayed at the Missouri Hotel and sent to Topeka and had Larimer come to Kansas City to have him see Jess and my mother and Doris. They would not let him see Jess or my mother, but he did talk to Doris. After Larimer went back to Topeka, Earl and I saw Ralph Latschaw, Jr., who was Doris' attorney. When Doris was arrested she had about \$1200 on her and got in the jail with this and later paid her attorney and sent the rest to me. I believe this was \$450 which she sent me by Hugh Larimer, sending a note with it to me.

"I then went to the Lafayette Hotel at 12th and Troost and saw Helen, John Langdon's sister-in-law and told her I wanted to contact John. She sent me to the Sportsman's Club on Southwest Boulevard and to see Eddie Nettles. I saw him and told him who I wanted to see and he called up John someplace and John met me at the Sportsman's Club that night. I gave John some money, he was broke and I think he stayed at the Puritan Hotel that night. I told him I would call him up the next morning and I went back to the Missouri Hotel. At the Missouri, Earl told me had called Chris Rucker, an attorney, and I got out figuring that Rucker would tell the G-men, and later learned that he did, or must have, as someone tipped them off to my car.

"Next morning, I contacted John Langdon, and we stayed in Kansas City about two days at different hotels, and then went to the Sportsman's Club and John Langdon saw someone there he knew and got him to drive us to Osawatomie and there, I looked up Johnny Rose and he drove us to Joplin in an old Model A Pickup truck. We registered in at the Yates Hotel at Joplin and while at Joplin, John Langdon told me about robbing the treasurer at Independence, Kansas.

"Before I had gone to Montana, Jess Doyle and Volney Davis and John Langdon and I had a hot Ford that we were using, and Volney and I spotted an Oldsmobile sedan, black, with built in trunk and six wheels. This was the kind of car we wanted and we were in Volney's Pontiac at the time. I told Volney that was the kind of car we wanted and I went over and found the car was locked. We stayed there a long time watching it and finally a man came out and got in the car and drove to a school house under construction and got out and went in the

school house. He had brief case with him. Volney Davis and I followed him and at the school house I got out and found the car was still locked. Volney said we did not to take the Oldsmobile then as we were in his Pontiac which was a square car and he did not want any heat on it. We drove back to Kansas City to get the Ford and go back after the Oldsmobile as we figured this man would be in the school house quite a while. When we got back to Kansas City, he said let's go get Jess to drive the Oldsmobile home for us. Jess wanted to take John along, so all four of us drove back to Independence, Missouri at the school house in the Ford. The man was still in the school house, and we parked near a vacant house nearby and we went in the vacant house and when saw the man coming out, we got in our car and met him when he was almost to his car, about ten feet behind it. We stopped our car and Volney jumped out, showed him his pistol but did not put it on him, and told him to get in our car. Jess and John got out of our car and took the man's keys to his car and got in his car and drove it off. I set in the back seat of our Ford coach and put the man in the bottom of the back seat and put him on the floor and I put my feet on him and Volney drove the Ford and I told this man not to look at me, I would shoot his head off. This man said "Boys you can have my car and money and everything but please don't take me out in the country and leave me." We drove him out in the country and took him up in some timber and tied him to a tree with clothesline rope. Going up there Volney was joking and said he did not believe he would bother to tie him up, he would just shoot him. While Volney was tying him up, I went through his pockets and got sixteen dollars. I believe it was sixteen, it might have been fifteen. Volney said don't leave him anything to call or get a taxicab with. I started to take his watch but Volney said not to take it, it would only get me in trouble. We blindfolded him; I had already done this in the car with Volney's handkerchief, first tearing the laundry marks off. We went back to Kansas City and met Jess and John at Jess's apartment. They said they had put the car in the garage behind the Plamor.

"At Joplin after John and I were taken there by John Rose as related on first page of this statement, I asked John what he had done with the Oldsmobile. He said they had wrecked it; that they had robbed the County Treasurer at Independence, Kansas, and coming back, it was sleeting and Volney was driving and had run into a car that some niggers were pushing up a hill. John said that one of these nigger girls said "officers nothing,



look at them getting those license tags." Volney had previously told them after the wreck that they were officers chasing bank robbers. They got out on the road and heisted a 1934 Chevrolet Coach and drove back to Kansas City in it. John told me that Jess drove the car going to Independence but Volney drove coming back. John said that Jess drove and he, John and Volney, made the "heist". He also told me that they set the Oldsmobile on fire. He said they put the Chevrolet that they heisted in a garage near the Blackstone Apartments at Kansas City, and the keys were later found in his apartment. He said he knew they would trace the keys to the Chevrolet and then to the burned Oldsmobile and that he would get a rap on the Independence, Kansas job. John told me that Al Sherwood had figured the mark at Independence. One time several months before this, Volney, Jess and I drove to Parsons to look over a mail robbery, and we did not see the money come in, so Volney said lets drive to Coffeyville and ask Al Sherwood more about it, so we drove to Coffeyville and to Tommy Hill's place in South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, and Tommy came out and talked to Volney and said that Al was not there, that he was home, and we drove to Al's place which is a tourist camp in Coffeyville, Kansas, and Volney and Jess went in and talked to Al, and they later told me that Al was going on the "mark" at Parsons.

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(SIGNED) Preston Paden.

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Murray. I am at present confined in the Kansas State Reformatory at Hutchinson, Kansas.

"In the spring of 1934, I stayed for a while with Jess Doyle and Doris Stanley, my aunt, at Wichita, Kansas. While staying with them, Jess Doyle told me about an attempted bank robbery at Topeka, Kansas, in January, 1934. The way he told it, Eddie Green got the "mark" from Hugh Larimer, an attorney at Topeka, Kansas. When Eddie Green got the "mark" he and Jess were friends but later fell out and Jess was not in on the attempted robbery. I was with Jess the day this bank was robbed and when he read about it in the paper he told me that Eddie Green had called him up and wanted to see him but that he knew what Eddie wanted and not liking him did not go and see him. Jess said that he thought Eddie Green, Tommy Carroll, Baby Face Nelson, Homer Van Meter, and John Dillinger did this job. At one time, Jess Doyle, Doris Stanley and Eddie Green and Bess Green lived at the Senate Apartments at Topeka. At the time Eddie Green called Jess Doyle, Jess and Doris were living Commerce, Oklahoma with Mott Stanley and Helen Stanley. Eddie Green called Pearl's barbecue which is next to Mott's. This was the job where they got the banker at the house, as I understood it, and made him open up the bank.

"In 1926 or 1927, I was staying with some people on a five acre tract on the old St. Joe road north of North Kansas City. I was staying with my aunt, Doris, who at that time was married to George Stuchlik. He was bootlegging out there. It was about five miles north of North Kansas City. Fisher Paris owned the place. Paris formerly lived at Abilene. Paris' wife's father lived on the next farm north. During that summer, George Chase and Gus Nichols, were out there and several times Sammy Hoyt and Tom Underwood came out there. I heard George and Gus talk about robbing the Kaw Valley State Bank at North Topeka. In their conversation, I learned that Sammy Hoyt and Tom Underwood were with them on the job. They said that on the way back, something happened and they had to abandon their car and grabbed a truck and made the truck driver take them to Kansas City. They hid in the truck. After they left Doris and George Stuchlik, George Chase and Gus Nichols went to St. Paul. I remember they were there on the fourth of July as George Chase gave me twenty dollars on the fourth, which was the most money I had ever had up to that time. Gus Nichols is now serving time at Stillwater, Minn., George Chase is now dead; Tom Underwood is at Alcatraz, and

Sammy Hoyt is serving time at Jefferson City.

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WITNESSES:

P. E. Bailey (SIGNED)

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"In the fall of 1934 I was at Jess Doyle's apartment at Kansas City, Missouri. Jess Doyle and my aunt, Doris Stanley, were living at the Blackstone Apartments under the names of Mr. and Mrs. Conley. John Langdon was living in the same building, having an apartment on the floor above. While staying with Jess and Doris, I heard Jess and John talk several times about a mail robbery at Coffeyville which had taken place a short time before. From the conversation, Jess Doyle, John Langdon, Jack Rich and Clarence Sparger were in on this robbery. This was a stickup of a mail truck just as the truck left the depot. There was supposed to be \$49,000 in this mail, and they said they only got four dollars out of it. They said just as they made the "heist" that they had a flat tire and Sparger and Rich did not want to go through with the "heist" but Doyle and Langdon did, so they went ahead. Jess was doing the driving and Langdon, Sparger and Rich made the "heist". They were using a 1934 Ford V-8 Sedan which I think they had stolen in Kansas City, Kansas

a short time before that. From what I heard them say, Jess and John were going to kill Rich and Sparger if they had got the \$49,000 as they were sore at them. They burned the mail sacks somewhere on the road back to Kansas City. I believe this four dollars was in one registered letter.

"Jess Doyle is now serving ten years in the Nebraska State Penitentiary at Lincoln, Nebraska. John Langdon is serving ten years at the Missouri Penitentiary at Jefferson City. Clarence Sparger is serving twenty-five years, I believe, at Leavenworth, as he was wanted on the Neosho Bank robbery when arrested. I believe Jack Rich is serving time at Leavenworth for the Neosho Bank Robbery.

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"In connection with the robbery of the Blankenship brothers at Winnwood Beach in January, 1936, wish to make additional statement concerning the car used in this robbery, which was a Ford coach.

"Volney Davis had a square Pontiac. We wanted another car and one night shortly before Christmas, 1934, Volney and I were riding around in the Pontiac looking for a car and at the Safeway Market near 14th and Main, Volney saw a man get out of an Oldsmobile. We could see that the motor was running and Volney said there is just the kind of car that we want and he got out and got in the Oldsmobile and drove it off and I followed in the Pontiac. He took it to his garage at his apartment and then went to Jess's and got Jess and John and they got a Dodge that was hot, which was stolen in Osawatomie, and left the Dodge in Kansas City, Kansas, and put the Oldsmobile in the garage where had formerly kept the Dodge. This garage was near the Blackstone apartments.

"A few days later, Volney, John, Jess and I started to Oklahoma, Volney knowing where some machine guns were kept in a fire station, and we intended to get the town afire and then get the machine guns. We had twenty gallons of gasoline with us. A short distance out of Kansas City we had a wreck and flagged a car down and we took this car. There was a young fellow driving and an elderly man and woman in the car. There was a quart of homemade wine in this car, which a 1934 tan Ford Coach. We left the Oldsmobile there. The gasoline was in the car. This Ford coach we kept for some time and is the car used in the Blankenship holdup. There was a mail man's sticker in the dash box of this Ford.

"Sometime after the Blankenship robbery, Volney told me he took this Ford to Fort Scott and left it. I believe he said he burned it but am not certain.

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"In September, 1934, I was living with my grandmother, Mrs. N. D. Stanley, at Cardin, Oklahoma. Jess Doyle, Volney Davis and John Langdon were all living in Kansas City. They had been down several times and asked me about the money transfer from the Miami bank to the Picher bank on Saturday mornings. This particular morning they drove down in a Dodge and parked it about a half mile down a dirt road from my uncle's, Mott Stanley, and Jess came up on foot and got me. This was on a Friday night that they drove down, the morning before the robbery. We drove down to Afton and stayed all night in a tourist cabin near Afton. We got up early the next morning and eat breakfast at Afton and then drove to cemetery between Miami and Commerce. We had the tag number of the Chevrolet used to carry the money, and waited until saw him go to Miami. We then drove out on the highway and stalled along until he passed us. We then took after him, a woman was driving and there was a man in the front seat with her. They "ranked" to us just before we got into Commerce and they started driving fast but we stayed close to her and went through Commerce. Jess was driving and John was in the front seat and Volney and I were in the back, Volney on the right side. When hit the car on the curve between Commerce and Cardin she opened the Chevrolet up and we took after her and tried to catch her. Volney and I were masked, black silk stockings and Volney had on brown unionalls over his suit and I had overalls over my suit. We stayed crouched down coming through Commerce and when hit the second curve between Commerce and Cardin, Jess said raise up and we would take her and he caught them on the curve and just as got up to them, John stuck a shotgun out the window, and as he did the young woman pulled the emergency brake and stopped the car. Volney and John got out of the car, John carried a shot gun and Volney a pistol and Volney "poked" them up and got them out of the car and they turned their backs and John searched the car, pulled the silver out and set it down and there was a bunch of windshield stickers in the car which he thought was money and he put these and the silver in

*Handwritten note:*  
Miami, Oklahoma  
Bank Robbery  
Sept 1934



the car. Volney said put up your hands and asked the boy where his pistol was and he said behind my ear and the woman said "he said pistol, silly, not your pencil". He told them where it was and John got it out of the dash pocket of the Chevrolet. We took the keys of the car and her purse and went north and straight north on a dirt road and as we started out, John threw the keys of her car out on the road. We then drove to Kansas City and out the money at the Blackstone Apartments. There was \$1165 all in silver. We out this even four ways.

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Hutchinson, Kansas, Oct. 2, 1936.

"My name is Preston Paden. I am nineteen years old, was born at Miami, Oklahoma, December 27, 1916. My father is George Paden who lives at Chetopa, Kansas. My mother is generally known as Edna Murray. I am at present confined in the Kansas State Reformatory at Hutchinson, Kansas. I am in possession of all my mental faculties and am making the following statement to Joe Anderson of the Kansas State Highway Patrol, voluntarily, without threats or duress or promises of any character whatsoever having been made to me.

"In January, 1935, I was living at Kansas City, Missouri, staying with Jess Doyle and Doris Stanley who is my aunt. We were living in an apartment that I believe was on Locust Street. I think the number was 4012. In the same building in another apartment John Langdon and Francis Taylor were living, using some Irish name. Jess Doyle and Doris Stanley were known as Mr. and Mrs. Conley. My mother, Edna Murray, and Volney Davis, were living on Broadway, south of 32nd Street. They had a ground floor apartment in the second apartment building from the north in the row of apartments on east side of Broadway at that location. They were known as Mr. and Mrs. Hansen.

"While living there, Volney Davis got the "mark" on two old men by name of Blankenship who lived at Winwood Beach and who were supposed to carry thirty grand around with them. Volney and I drove over there one night in his Pontiac and he sent me down to the house to knock on the door and see if they would answer at night. I got the name of a neighbor off a mailbox and when they answered the door, I asked them about these people and they told me where they lived. I then went back to the car and Volney and I drove back to Kansas City. The purpose of this was to learn if they would answer the door at night.

"About a week later, Jess Doyle, John Langdon and I were all at Jess Doyle's apartment and Volney Davis came over and got us in his Pontiac. We got our guns and got in the Pontiac. John Langdon had a 38" revolver; Jess Doyle and Volney Davis and I each had a 45" Colts Automatic. In the car were a 303 Automatic Rifle and a sawed off Remington automatic shotgun. We went to Volney's apartment on Broadway and parked the Pontiac in front of his apartment. Volney had a "hot" Ford coach which he had stolen in Kansas City and which he kept in a garage in back of the Plamor at Kansas City. We walked from the apartment to this garage and got the Ford. We had the rifle and shotgun in cases and carried them with us.

"When we left the garage in back of the Plamor in the Ford, it was about six or seven o'clock in the evening. Volney drove the car; Jess Doyle was with him in the front seat and John Langdon and I were in the back seat. We drove to North Kansas City using the bridge near the airport, and on to Winwood Beach. We drove to Blankenship's house and Jess Doyle and John Langdon went up to the house. Volney and I could hear what was said. Langdon knocked and someone said "what do you want" and he said he wanted to talk to Baker or some off name, and they would not let them in.

"Langdon and Doyle came back to the car and we went back to Kansas City. Going back to Kansas City, Volney asked them why they did not go in and asked Langdon what in the world he said Baker for instead of Blankenship and I do not remember just what John answered. Volney also asked Jess Doyle why he didn't go in the house and Doyle said "that old man had a pistol" and Volney said, "you've got one haven't you" and said if it had been him, he would have kicked the door down and went on in; also said "what do you think we came out here for, we

came out to rob those people, didn't we". We drove back to the Plamor and put the car in the garage, then walked to Volney's apartment and he took us home in his Pontiac.

"About six o'clock the next morning Volney came to our apartment and asked Jess and I if we wanted to go on over there and get that money; said that he had not slept all night, thinking about it. He sent me to John's apartment to get him up, which I did. Volney was in the Ford when he came over. I got John up and we dressed and went out and got in the car. We had the same guns that we had the previous night but I do not believe we had the shotgun and the rifle.

"We drove to North Kansas City, then to Winwood Beach and drove up right in front of Blankenship's house. Volney had a brass colored badge and he, Volney, John and Jess, went to the front door and I went to the back door. Volney knocked on the door; I do not know just who answered, but Volney had got the tag number on the Blankenship car and when the door opened, Volney gave them the rush act; said I'm an officer, showed them his badge, said who has been driving that maroon colored Ford and told them the tag number. The three of them crowded into the house and I came around from the back and went in behind them.

"In the house were the two old men, a girl who looked to be about twenty or twenty-two but who was probably older as she had an eight year old boy, her husband, who looked to be in his late twenties or early thirties, and who was taller than I, heavy set and looked husky enough to be a wrestler. He was dark complexioned. The girl, I believe, was the niece of the Blankenships. There was also a little boy about eight years old who was the son of the girl and the heavy set fellow. They had been eating breakfast and Volney had them all on their feet when I got in and he called the big guy from the kitchen, saying to him, "you've been driving that car too, haven't you."

"Off to the right of the living room was a bedroom and the kitchen was straight back from the living room. The kitchen and dining room were together. They were all in the living room when I got in, and all of us four were in there, Volney, Jess, John and I. Just as I came in, Volney, Jess and John "drug" their pistols and told them to lay down on the floor. One of the old men put up a "scream" about it; said he had never been arrested in his life and he didn't think officers were supposed

to treat people like that. They all got down on the floor, however, and John went in the bedroom, tore up some sheets, and started tying these people up.

"Both of these Blankenships looked to me to be past seventy. One of them said he could not lay down because of his rheumatism but he finally got down after Volney convinced him he did not have it so bad. I also remember one of these old men told the other, "Eddie, you've got your feet in my face." We tied them all up and the mother of the little boy kept screaming that she wanted the little boy near her, and Volney finally "boxed" her and then laid the little boy by her. When he "boxed" her, her husband started to raise up and Volney asked him if he wanted to be "boxed" too and he laid back down. I helped tie this big boy up and tied his feet with some baling wire that I found. This big boy reached in his pocket for something, he was wearing overalls, and I told him to jerk that hand back out and Volney jumped over there and put his pistol right in this man's ear.

"Jess Doyle and I stayed in the living room with these people and Volney went out in the kitchen and poured out the flour, sugar, etc., thinking might find some money in there. John Langdon went in the bed room and under the mattress and in a striped canvas sack and the money was pinned in the sack with a safety pin. The sack was made out of mattress cover. In the sack was \$2500. There was one hundred bill on the outside, and \$2400 in tens and twenties, mostly in tens, ten in a bundle, each bundle tied with a rubber band, and the twenties was in bundles of five. The rubber bands were so old they had stuck to the money. John searched them and got their purses and got several five dollar pieces and some five dollar gold pieces that had been used for watch charms. We also got an old fifty dollar bill and an old twenty dollar bill of their persons. This was the old type bills, larger than the new bills. The old man had several things wrapped up with names of them; had an old silver dollar. We also got a Spanish type 38" pistol and a #10 shotgun pistol. Volney and I later threw these in the river. John searched them and took their purses and after searching them put them back in their pockets, keeping the money, of course.

"As we left, Volney told them we would look at their car and if it had not been wrecked, we would come back in and untie them. The young man knew we were robbing them but the two

old men seemed to think all the time that we were officers. We then went back to Kansas City and at Volney's apartment, Jess and John went in the apartment and Volney and I put the Ford in the garage and walked to the apartment and "out" the money. The guy that gave Volney the "mark" got the gold and the old time money, probably a hundred and fifty dollars. I do not know who this was; Volney took care of this. The rest of it was split even and I got five hundred and something for my share. We were back to Volney's apartment by about nine o'clock that morning.

"I have made the above and foregoing statement, consisting of two pages, of my own free will and accord, without fear of intimidation or promise of reward."

(SIGNED) Preston Paden.

WITNESSES:

F. E. Bailey (SIGNED)

STATEMENT OF PRESTON PADEN

Hutchinson, Kansas  
October 5, 1936.

"I, Preston Paden, possessing all my mental faculties, make the following statement to Joe Anderson of the Kansas State Highway Patrol, voluntarily, knowing the same to be true without threats or duress or promises of any nature having been made to me.

"The car we used in the Drexel, Mo. Bank Robbery was a 1934 Oldsmobile (8) Sedan. We stole this car at 140th & Main Sts., in Kansas City, Mo. This car was a big black sedan with six wheels, trunk rack and it had a heater in it. Jess Doyle and Volney Davis had a trunk put on the rear. We intended to put a heater on the car but we wrecked it. We kept this car in a private garage at 39th and Broadway in an alley across from the Blackstone Apartments.

"Volney got car and brought it to Locust Street, Jess, John and I got in car with two sawed off shot guns, a high power rifle and we all had a pistol, we had a crowbar, chisels and a hammer to get thru a brick wall. About 10:30 P.M. we started to Drexel, Mo., intending to get there about midnight but we had



trouble with the fuel pump on the car and we didn't get to Brexel until about 3:00 A.M. We drove up behind the bank and John and Vollney got out. Jess and I then drove to the high school and turned 3 blocks to the right then 2 miles left. John and Vollney walked down the railroad tracks to where we were carrying all their tool and guns, they were loaded down. They met us there about daylight and told us they couldn't get in the bank because they didn't have time. They had broken into a store and tried to get thru the brick wall of the bank from the store. The store they broke into was just to the left of the bank (I don't remember the directions).

"John Langdon was wearing a dark blue suit and a tan hat. Vollney Davis had on a grey suit, greyish blue top coat, grey hat and had on a pair of high galloshes or overshoes with his pants tucked into them. Jess Doyle was wearing a heavy (double breasted) blue overcoat and a grey hat. I was wearing a greyish blue suit and tan top coat.

"We then decided to drive to town and rob the bank as it was opened. We drove to town and Jess and I filled up the car with gas while the other boys stopped at a cafe. Jess and I drove on a side street close to the bank and waited for the bank to open.

"Davis and John Langdon walked to the back of the bank and run a crowbar thru the door and ran around in front to see if the alarm would go off, the alarm didn't go off so they went back and went in the rear door of the bank and waited for the employees to come to work. When the employees came in John and Vollney put them to "work" just as if they were doing their regular job. I was across the street in front of the Post Office - A postal employee, a mail carrier, I think, was loading sacks of mail into a truck. This man had a pistol and he kept watching me -- Jess was down the street a ways with the high powered rifle and it would have been bad if this postal employee had "shook" me.

"I waited across the street where I was in a position to look thru the bank window to where I could see the vault. The time lock had gone off when the man came into the bank that opened the vault and John put a gun on him and told him it was a robbery and for him to open it up. He got excited and started to grab at John's gun - Vollney would have shot him if John hadn't prevented it.



"When I saw the man open the vault I got back to the car and Jess was under the wheel. I got in and we pulled up behind the bank in the alley. Just as we got there Vollney came out first, John behind. John had a big pasteboard box in his arms, it was used to carry the money out in, John had put the bills, money trays and silver into the box. Just as they were coming out of the rear door of the bank a big fellow came walking down a wooden stairs (outside stairs) from a building near the bank, he evidently saw what was going on and he turned and started to go back but Vollney caught him and told him to get on the side of the car if he was bothered with nose trouble he could go along but on the way to the car the fellow got a building between him and Vollney and started to run down the alley. Jess told me to jump out of the car and catch him - I jumped out of the car and put a sawed-off automatic shotgun on him and brought him back to the car. We put him on the running board on the left side where Vollney could watch him (Vollney was sitting on the left side). Vollney told him if he jumped off he would shoot him thru both kidneys. However, when we got about two blocks away Vollney pushed him off.

"We then drove back to Kansas City, and just as we were near the Missouri Kansas line, down close to the old police station, Vollney and I took the paper money (Jess & John kept the silver) put it in our coat pockets and went to a saloon. Jess and John put the car in a garage. After Vollney and I had a drink we took a cab to his apartment and got his own car and drove to Jess's and divided all the money."

(SIGNED) Preston Paden

STATEMENT OF PRESTON PADEN

Hutchinson, Kansas  
October 5, 1936.

"I, Preston Payden, possessing all my mental faculties, make the following statement, as told to me by Jess Doyle, to Joe Anderson of the Kansas Highway Patrol, voluntarily, knowing the same to be true, without threats, or duress, or promises of any nature having been made to me."

"Jess Doyle, Freddie Barker and Doc Barker, Alvin Karpis, Vern Miller, Frank Nash and Larry DeVol robbed the

Concordia Bank about July 26, 1932, obtaining some \$22,000.00. A 1932 Model 7 passenger Hudson Sedan was used in this robbery. This car was disguised somewhat, they having put on different hubcaps. Upon robbing the bank, they had trouble with the President of the Bank. He wouldn't open the vault, and they had to whip him for 45 minutes, using .45 caliber pistols. The president still refused to open the vault, so Barker got a girl stenographer and brought her in in front of the president, threw her on the floor at his feet and threatened to shoot her head off if he didn't open the vault. The president said he would gladly open the vault, but that he wasn't physically able to do so due to the violent beating; however, he wrote the combination out, and they opened the vault themselves and got the money.

"After robbing the bank they went directly back to St. Paul, Minnesota, and went to a saloon in St. Paul. This hang-out was known as "Harry Sawyer's Place".

SIGNED

The statements set out in this report are being retained in the Kansas City file of this case.

The report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 2-21-35, page 82, reflects that the automobile owned by Preston Leroy Paden was a 1933 standard Chevrolet coupe, black in color, motor #M1155, 1935 Missouri license #37618

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE at Los Angeles, California, is requested to interview Vernon Stuchlik, 4273 South Vermont Avenue, concerning any possible information that he may have relative to any visits Volney Davis may have made to the home or office of Hugh Larimer and also any information which he may have concerning the disposition of the Chevrolet truck and the 1933 Chevrolet coupe belonging to Preston Leroy Paden. It is requested that this investigation be given expeditious attention inasmuch as the Statute of Limitations will have expired within the next few months.

THE KANSAS CITY OFFICE at Topeka, Kansas, at the Motor Vehicle Bureau, will search the records concerning the disposition of

1933 Chevrolet coupe, motor #114155.

Upon the completion of the interview with Vernon Stuchlik, will vigorously question Hugh Larimer relative to any dealings which he may have had with Volney Davis.

Upon the completion of the interview with Hugh Larimer, will present the facts of this case to the United States Attorney at Topeka, Kansas, for his opinion.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO.

FILE NO. 7-63

REPORT MADE AT Washington, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 11-6-37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11-1 and 2-37	REPORT MADE BY P. WYLY PW:VHC
TITLE ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1232 - FUGITIVE; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"Stop" notices previously placed still in effect.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p> <p>Reference: Letter from Chicago Division to Washington Field dated November 4, 1936. Letter from Cincinnati Division to Chicago Division dated August 5, 1937.</p>			
<p>DETAILS:</p> <p>The "flash" notices previously placed by this Division with the Maryland and District of Columbia Bureaus of Motor Vehicles on a 1935 Ford V-8 tudor sedan, Motor No. 2044337, and a 1935 Plymouth sedan, Motor No. PJ 322772, as well as the "flash" notice placed with the Veterans' Administration on Dr. Joseph P. Moran, with aliases, were rechecked and found to be still in effect with these agencies.</p> <p>It is requested that the office of origin advise this Division when the above "flash" notices are no longer desired.</p> <p>A review of the file on this case fails to reveal any investigation to be conducted by this Division and, therefore, this case is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN.</p>			
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio.

FILE NO. 7-43

REPORT MADE AT <b>Cincinnati, Ohio.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>11-5-37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10/19-25; 10/26-11-1-37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>A. P. BARBER</b> <b>goc</b>
TITLE <b>GEORGE TIMINEX, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases- FUGITIVE, I.O.#1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER- VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>File reviewed looking toward the apprehension of Milton Lett who is wanted by this Bureau in connection with harboring investigation which is presently being conducted.</p> <p>P.</p> </div>			
Reference:      Bureau letter dated 9-28-37; Bureau letter to Oklahoma City, 7-26-37.			
Details: <u>AT CINCINNATI.</u>  <p>The file in this case was reviewed in accordance with the instructions contained in above letters of reference from the Bureau that the file of the Cincinnati office be reviewed with a view of immediately initiating investigative action to effect the apprehension of Milton Lett.</p> <p>It is being pointed out at this time that there is no Federal process of arrest outstanding for Milton Lett at this time. However, his apprehension is desired in order that he may be questioned in connection with the harboring investigation which is presently being conducted in connection with this case.</p>			
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It is also to be noted that extensive investigation has been conducted by the Post Office Inspector's department to cause the apprehension of Lett in connection with the Garrettsville, Ohio, mail train robbery which occurred on 11-7-35. b7c b7d

A review of the file reflects that Milton Lett's name was first directed to the attention of the Bureau as possibly being associated with the Barker-Karpis gang in the report of Special Agent Paul Hanson, dated at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on 9-7-35, wherein [redacted] advised Agent Hanson that Harry Campbell had been driven [redacted] by "a boy" from South Corleyville, Oklahoma, during either April or May, 1935. It was also noted that about the same time he drove Campbell to the home of Mildred Jones near Turley, Oklahoma, where Campbell left \$50.00 for Mark Whinnery. However, Hanson indicated that from the various conversations he had previously had [redacted] it was his opinion that this boy without a doubt was the son of Maggie Lett who resided at Wann, Oklahoma. Lett was contacted shortly thereafter and his cooperation solicited to serve as an informant of the Oklahoma City office in causing the apprehension of the subjects of this case, and more specifically the apprehension of Harry Campbell.

The next apparent incident of interest concerning Lett is contained in the report of Agent Hanson, dated 11-25-35, wherein information is set forth concerning the discovery of the fact that Lett's mother had received five registered letters from Cleveland and vicinity from May 6, 1935, to October 7, 1935. At that time it was thought that Harry Campbell was the author of these letters and was using the Lett address as a post office whereby he could maintain contact with his relatives in that vicinity.

The report of Special Agent Paul Hanson, dated 12-11-35, reflects that great difficulty was experienced in locating Lett for an interview although he had indicated he would act as an informant for the Oklahoma City Office. He was finally located and interviewed at his mother's home at Wann, Oklahoma, at which time he informed that his absence from his mother's home was occasioned by the fact that he had obtained a position with Ted Thornton, who operated a tavern near Nevada, Mo. Subsequent investigation has developed that Lett could not have been steadily employed by Thornton at that time, inasmuch as investigation at Cleveland, Ohio, and vicinity disclosed his presence in those places at approximately the time he claimed he was working for Ted Thornton. At the time Lett claimed he was employed by Thornton

at his tavern at Nevada, Mo., which was known as the "State Line Tavern", the tavern was operated by Thornton and his brother-in-law, Earl Morris. These persons as well as his mother-in-law, Mrs. Esthen Twilley, Coffeyville, have since been interviewed from time to time to locate Milton Lett, with negative results. It is to be noted that this tavern is presently being operated by Verne Griffin, who is acquainted with both of the former owners and he has likewise been interviewed with negative results. However, he has indicated his desire to cooperate and has been interviewed periodically without any information of value being developed.

It is to be noted that shortly after the last indicated interview with Milton Lett, he disappeared from South Coffeyville, Okla., and no definite information has been developed concerning his whereabouts since 2-21-36, on which date he married Lucille Ferris at Oswego, Kansas, and on 7-31-37, on which date one Mae Goodwin, who claimed a personal acquaintance with Lett, stated she had observed Lett walking in the direction of the Hollingsworth home, 427 South Washington St., Wichita, Kansas. This last information concerning Lett's whereabouts is reported in report of Special Agent L. H. Richmond, dated at Kansas City, Mo., on 8-31-37.

At approximately the same time as the investigation which is set forth in the above reports, of Special Agent Paul Hanson, investigation at Cleveland, Ohio, and vicinity developed that Lett had been associated with Karpis and Campbell from about April, 1935, to May, 1936. It was established that he had been employed as a "shill" at the Harvard Club, Cleveland, Ohio, a notorious gambling establishment, from April to September, 1935. It was also determined that Lett was in close contact with Harry Campbell at Toledo, Ohio, from 10-1-35 to 5-1-36.

The first definite information indicating that Lett was an associate of this gang is contained in a letter directed to the Bureau by Inspector E. J. Connelley, dated at Chicago, Ill., on 1-27-36, which informed that Lett had been identified as a person who under the alias Carl Baker had purchased the automobile which was used in the Garrettsville, Ohio, mail train robbery on 11-7-35, this identification having been effected through an arrest record of the Akron, Ohio, Police Department, where Lett was arrested under the alias Thomas J. Shaw, on 10-19-35. It is to be noted that the automobile, a 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor PJ 322772, Serial 2619857, which was used in the Garrettsville robbery has not been recovered to date.

The Kansas City Division was also advised by letter from Inspector E. J. Connelley, dated at Chicago, Ill., 1-28-37, that Lett's apprehension was desired, together with other pertinent information concerning Lett's connections in Coffeyville, Kansas. A summarization of the investigation conducted in connection with this letter

is set forth in the report of Special Agent L. H. Richmond, dated at Kansas City, Mo., on 8-31-37, and although active investigation was immediately instituted, no information was ascertained concerning Lett's whereabouts.

It has been definitely established that Karpis and Campbell participated in the Garrettsville robbery. It has also been established that Lett did not participate in this robbery although it has been positively determined that Lett purchased the automobile, namely the Plymouth Sedan, which was used in the robbery, inasmuch as through his criminal record and other information, it developed that he voluntarily surrendered himself to the authorities at Coffeyville, Kansas, on the day of that robbery, apparently to establish an alibi for himself in order that he could vindicate himself of being a participant in the robbery in the event he was identified as the purchaser of the bandit car.

Considerable investigation has been conducted by the Oklahoma City and Kansas City Division offices to date to locate and apprehend Lett, with negative results. During the course of this investigation, it was ascertained, as set forth in the report of Special Agent W. E. Hopton, dated at Kansas City, Mo., on 3-2-36, that Lett married Lucille Ferris of Coffeyville, Kansas, at Oswego, Kansas, on 2-21-36. Investigation has likewise been conducted by the above offices to locate Lucille Ferris with a view of thereby causing the apprehension of Lett, with negative results.

The following is a description of Milton Lett with aliases, together with his criminal record and known relatives:

Name	Milton Lett, with aliases: Milt Lett, J. M. Lett, J. R. Lett, J. M. Metz, Thomas J. Shaw, Carl Baker, Mary Forth, George Benton, G. R. Benton, "George", "The Kid", and "Willie"
Age	21 (1935)
Height	5'7"
Weight	143 lbs.
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Blue
Color	White
Complexion	Medium
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Residence Wann, Oklahoma  
Occupation Makes pretense of being gambler  
Relatives As follows:

Maggie Lett, mother, Rural Route No. 2, Wann, Oklahoma  
Charles Lett, brother, Wann, Oklahoma  
Clifford Collins, nephew, 150 Lulu Street, Wichita, Kansas  
Lola Wise, sister, in California  
Jane Lett Collins, sister, 150 Lulu Street, Wichita, Kansas  
Ethel Lett Forth, sister, 1401 W. 35th Street, Wichita, Kansas  
Fred Collins, Nephew, 410 S. 2nd St., Ponca City, Okla.  
Tony Collins, nephew, 1401 W. 35th St., Wichita, Kansas  
Hazel Anderson, niece, 21 S. Allen St., Chanute, Kansas  
Thelma Fritz, brother-in-law, 21 S. Allen St., Chanute, Kansas  
Peggy Wise, sister (Raymond husband), Mojave, Cal.  
Ora Collins, brother-in-law, deceased, Wichita, Kansas  
Roy Collins, brother-in-law, Tyro, Kansas  
Lucille Ferris Lett, wife, address unknown  
John Lett, great uncle, Binger, Oklahoma  
Ira Lett, cousin, Corpus Christie, Texas  
Ella Anderson, sister (husband Walter), Coffeyville, Kansas  
Eddie "Doc" Lett, cousin, Bartelsville, Kansas  
William Lett, cousin, Nowata, Oklahoma

Criminal records FBI-1008739, Akron PD #26337

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\* WANTED BY BUREAU: As Carl Baker, alias Thomas J. Shaw. Suspected of participation in mail train robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio, on 11-7-35. Location desired for questioning re whereabouts of Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell (also suspected in this robbery). Notify Bureau Office, Cleveland, Ohio, per inf. rec. therefrom 1-7-36, Bureau file 7-576-8836.

The following is a description of Mrs. Milton Lett, nee Lucille Ferris:

Name	Mrs. Milton Lett nee Lucille Ferris
Age	17 (1936)
Height	5'4"
Weight	120 lbs.
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Light brown, parted in middle, with a grown-out permanent wave
Peculiarities	Broad nose
Clothing	Usually wears a green suit with white blouse; brown overcoat with cape collar and narrow band of brown fur on cape. On little finger of left hand wears a small signet ring and on ring finger same hand wears opal ring surrounded by pearls

Relatives As follows:

A. V. Ferris, father, Wichita, Kansas  
 Mrs. Constance Ferris, mother, c/o Mrs. Bessie Haggard, 605 W. 10th St., S. Coffeyville, Okla.  
 Eva Hooper, aunt, 836 S. National Blvd., Springfield, Mo.,  
 Andrew Ferris, grandfather, 419 N. 7th St., K.C., Mo.,  
 Bernice Elliston, aunt (husband Elmer), Portland, Oregon  
 Mrs. John (Hazel) Hopper, aunt, 419 N. 7th St., K.C., Kansas  
 Addie Murrain, aunt, (husband Ben), Carrollton, Mo.  
 Ruth Drake Collins (closest friend), 602 Sycamore St., Coffeyville, Kans.  
 Clarence Ferris, uncl., (wife Irma), Hale, Mo.  
 Vern Ferris, Portland, Oregon (with Bernice Elliston)  
 Oren Ferris, uncle, 59 Clay St., Callao, Mo.,  
 Hazel Hooper, aunt (husband John), 419 North 7th St., K.C., Kansas.

It is to be noted that a review of the file looking towards the apprehension of Milton Lett was made by the Cleveland Division Office, as set out in report of Special Agent A. Paul Kitchen, dated 3-22-37, and that another review was made by the Kansas City



Division on 8-31-37, as set out in the report of Special Agent L. H. Richmond of that date.

A review of the file further reflects that all of the leads set forth in the report of Special Agent Kitchen have been covered but no information of value developed thereby. It is noted that the report of Special Agent Richmond contains numerous leads to be covered by the Kansas City Office but the review fails to reflect that the majority of these leads have been covered by that office. In accordance with Bureau instructions, the Kansas City Office is being requested to expedite the investigation as outlined in Agent Richmond's report. Attention is being directed to the fact that most of the investigation looking towards the apprehension of Milton Lett is confined to the territories covered by the Kansas City and Oklahoma City Divisions, and accordingly these offices are being requested to conduct prompt and virogonous investigation in order that Lett's apprehension may be effected in the near future. Particular attention is directed to the fact that in view of the approaching holiday season, appropriate mail covers should be placed on the mail of the immediate relatives of both Lett and his wife and that any tracings which indicate any possibility that Lett or his wife is communicating with their relatives, should receive immediate attention. In this connection, a letter is being directed to the Bureau requesting that this office as well as all interested offices be furnished with available specimens of Lett's handwriting for comparison purposes in connection with these tracings.

The report of Special Agent W. E. Hopton, dated at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on 4-5-37, reflects that information was developed through George Tobler, 305 Ellis Street, Coffeyville, Kansas, to the effect that Mrs. Constance Verria, who is employed in a W.P.A. sewing room at Coffeyville, Kansas, made the remark that "her daughter was smart", in that she was living down south in New Orleans where they don't have cold weather. This information was advanced to Mr. Tobler by his sister, who is employed as superintendent of the W.P.A. sewing room.

Attention is directed to the fact that investigation has also developed, as indicated in report of Special Agent F. R. Hammack, Kansas City, on 1-2-37, that Mrs. Eva Hooper had left for New Orleans, La., during the early part of January, 1937; further that a confidential informant of the Cleveland Office identified Lett's picture as a person known to him as "Willie" from New Orleans. In view of these facts, it can be presumed that Lett has visited New Orleans in the past and that further efforts should be made to determine whether or not he is presently located in that city.

In this respect, it is suggested that the Oklahoma City Office

make appropriate arrangements through some official or employee of the W.P.A. sewing room where Mrs. Ferris is employed in order that the confidence of Mrs. Ferris may be obtained and in this manner, it may be definitely developed whether or not Lett is presently residing at New Orleans, La. It is noted that investigation has been conducted by the New Orleans Division but that no information was developed which would indicate Lett was in that city at that time.

It is also believed that Mrs. W. T. Wiley, 1109 South 33rd St., St. Joseph, Mo., should be re-contacted at this time to determine whether or not she might be able to furnish further information indicating that Lett is presently at New Orleans, La. It is being pointed out that at the time she was interviewed, Mrs. Eva Hooper was a neighbor; however, that Mrs. Hooper is presently residing at Springfield, Mo., and in view of this fact, it is believed that possibly Mrs. Wiley will be more inclined to furnish all information in her possession due to the fact that Mrs. Hooper is no longer a neighbor. It is noted that Mrs. Wiley received a post card from Mrs. Hooper, dated at New Orleans, La., on 1-8-37, and in view of this fact, there is some possibility that Mrs. Wiley was in closer contact with Mrs. Hooper than she indicated at the time she was interviewed by Agent Hammack.

It is noted that reports of Special Agent R. M. Pranke, Los Angeles, dated 7-2 and 9-7-37, set forth interviews with Len Jordan, Long Beach, Cal., who is an acquaintance of Lett and that Jordan has assured the Bureau of his cooperation. He should be periodically contacted in order that his present cooperative attitude be maintained. Attention is also being directed to the fact that although Len Jordan has indicated a cooperative attitude, it is believed that appropriate contact should be made with the present manager of the apartment where Jordan lives to maintain a surveillance of the Jordan home in event Lett or his wife should appear at that place. Investigation as set forth in the above mentioned reports of Special Agent Pranke indicates that Jordan has furnished all the information in his possession concerning Lett. However, it is noted that he indicated he believed Lett might visit him in event he knew of his address at Long Beach, Cal. In view of this fact, it is believed that appropriate arrangements should be made with the present custodian of the apartment in order that the Los Angeles office be immediately notified in event anyone answering the description of Lett appears at Jordan's home. This action is deemed advisable inasmuch as it is felt that Lett might depart from the Jordan home prior to the time that Jordan would be able to get word to the Los Angeles office of Lett's presence at his home.

It is also noted that Peggy Mize, a sister of Lett, who resides at Mojave, Cal., has been interviewed several times and has maintained a very belligerent attitude towards Bureau Agents. On one occasion she flatly stated that she would not divulge any information concerning the whereabouts of Lett if she was in possession of such information. It is noted that arrangements have been made whereby Don Brink, Deputy Sheriff, at Mojave, Cal., will maintain a surveillance of the Mize residence for Lett. It is suggested that Brink be contacted at intervals to be sure of the fact that this surveillance is being maintained.

It is also suggested that if possible, some one residing in the immediate vicinity of the Mize home be developed to serve as an informant in likewise maintaining a surveillance of the Mize home. In this connection it is to be noted that the Bureau has authorized the payment of any sum up to \$50.00 for information leading to the location and apprehension of Lett.

It is to be noted that 13 mail tracings were forwarded to the Cincinnati Office, with the report of Special Agent R. M. Pranke, dated at Los Angeles, 9-7-37. An examination of these tracings reflects that there is only one bearing a return address which should receive further investigation, that being the letter directed to Miss Bertie Jordan, 526 Orange St., Apt. #15, Long Beach, Cal., bearing postmark Wichita, Kansas, 7-1-37, and also bearing the return address, Mrs. C.W. Traup, 1815 South Broadway St., Wichita, Kansas. Investigation should be conducted at this point to ascertain the identity of Mrs. C. W. Traup.

It is noted that the report of Special Agent W.E. Hopton, dated at Oklahoma City, Okla., on 8-21-37, reflects that Constance Ferris was working at the W. P. A. sewing room, Coffeyville, Kansas, at that time and residing at the residence of Bessie Haggard, 605 W. 10th Street. This report reflects the last active investigation by the Oklahoma City office and that office is being requested to immediately conduct the investigation requested in the leads set forth in that report. It is being pointed out that the character and reputation of Mrs. Haggard should be determined before she is approached with a view of causing her to act as an informant for the Oklahoma City Office. It is believed that if she is determined to bear a good character and reputation she may possibly be induced to serve as a confidential informant and has the confidence of Mrs. Ferris to the extent that Mrs. Ferris might divulge the whereabouts of subject Lett and his wife to her.

This report further reflects that Mr. E. B. Hanlon informed that he had recently heard that a young brother of Lucille Ferris is now living at Coffeyville, Kansas, with his mother and suggested that possibly the brother might know the present location of his sister Lucille. It is noted that one Vern Ferris (his relationship to the Ferris family is not indicated) is presently residing with Mrs. Bernice Elliston, an aunt, at Portland, Oregon. This individual may be the younger brother of Lucille Ferris. However, the Oklahoma City Office should bear this matter in mind when conducting interviews with various relatives of the Ferris family in that vicinity, with a view of determining the name and present whereabouts of this brother.

A review of the file of the Kansas City Office, as contained in the report of Special Agent L. H. Richmond, dated at Kansas City, Mo., on 8-31-37, discloses that this report contains several outstanding leads which should receive immediate attention. Inasmuch as investigative action is to be taken in connection with these leads is clearly set forth in Agent Richmond's report, no further comment will be made concerning them. It is also noted that investigation which was conducted by Special Agent S. B. Landrum at Wichita, Kansas, is reported in this report. It is noted that a lead is contained therein to maintain an appropriate contact with Jack Goodwin, Santa Fe Special Agent, and his informant Mae Goodwin. This lead should receive preferred attention and appropriate arrangements made whereby Lett can be apprehended in event he appears in the vicinity of the Hollingworth home in the future.

Detective Ezra O'Connor of the Wichita Police Department should be contacted at frequent intervals in order that he in turn may contact William Thompson who resides two doors from the Hollingworth home, in order that assurance may be had that William Thompson is actually maintaining a surveillance of that place.

It is also noted that Mr. A. E. Ferris, father of Milton Lett's wife, was interviewed at Wichita, Kansas, without any information being secured as to Lett's whereabouts, he stating that he had not seen his daughter since her elopement with Lett. It appears that Mr. Ferris has told the truth at the time of this interview. However, it is suggested that appropriate arrangements be made either through his employer, the Yingling Brothers Motor Company, Wichita, Kansas, or some employee of that company, to secure Mr. Ferris' confidence to actually determine whether or not he has been in communication with his daughter in the past. There is also some possibility that Lucille Ferris might attempt to communicate with her father by directing a letter to him at his place of employment. Arrangements could be made with officials of this company whereby information concerning any letters which might be received by Mr. Ferris, might be immediately relayed to the Kansas City Office. Mr. Ferris should also be contacted in the immediate future to determine whether or not he has been successful in developing any information through Mrs. Eva Hooper concerning the present whereabouts



of Lett.

It is also believed that an informant should be established in the immediate vicinity of Mrs. Hooper's home at Springfield, Mo., in order that the Kansas City Office might be immediately advised in event any one answering the description of either Lett or his wife appear at the Hooper home. It is also suggested that a mail cover be placed on the mail of Mrs. Hooper and that it be maintained over the Holiday period.

Under date of 10-11-37, the Kansas City Office forwarded two mail tracings to this office by letter. One of these tracings did not contain any return address while the other, which was directed to Mrs. D. C. Hollingsworth, 427 South Washington, Wichita, Kansas, bore the return address, "Mrs. M. C. Johns, 1924 Locust St., Omaha, Nebraska". It is not known who Mrs. Johns is and accordingly the Omaha Division is being requested to conduct appropriate investigation in the vicinity of the Johns' residence to ascertain the identity of this individual. A photograph of Milton Lett is being forwarded to the Omaha Division with two copies of this report for its assistance in conducting investigation.

A letter was directed to the Chicago Division by this office under date of 8-5-37 with copies to all Field Offices, setting forth information concerning 1935 Ford V-8 Tudor Sedan, Motor 2044337, and 1935 Plymouth Sedan, Motor PJ 322772, Serial 2619857. The Ford automobile was registered in Kansas in 1935 under the name of J. M. Lett, 113 E. 8th St., Coffeyville, Kansas, and the Plymouth automobile was registered in Ohio during 1935 in the name of Carl Baker, who is identical with Milton Lett. Neither of the above cars have been recovered to date. All offices to whom the above letter was directed were requested to make a re-check to ascertain if either of these cars is registered in their territories at the present time and if no registration was found, to place appropriate stop notices against these cars.

Attention is directed to the fact that in event any information is received concerning the whereabouts of these automobiles, immediate investigative action should be taken to develop all information concerning them, with a view of causing the apprehension of Lett.

No leads are being set forth for the Oklahoma City and Kansas City Offices, inasmuch as most of the investigation looking towards the apprehension of Lett is confined to the territories covered by those particular offices and in view of Bureau instructions, those offices are requested to give outstanding leads in their divisions preferred and vigorous investigative attention.

Each of the other offices to whom copies of this report



have been designated should carefully note the contents thereof and conduct any investigation which might come to their attention, with a view of causing the apprehension of Lett.

Particular attention of the New Orleans Division is being directed to the fact that information has been developed from several sources that Lett was reported to be residing at that city. It is suggested that Police officials in charge of vice and gambling squads of that city be contacted and fully informed of the gambling activities of Lett, with a view of soliciting their cooperation in canvassing the various gambling establishments at New Orleans, with a view of causing the apprehension of Lett. Lett is known to be a gambler and to have been employed by gambling establishments in the past and it is believed that he will continue to follow this line of endeavor.

Likewise no leads are being set forth for the Cleveland Office but it is being pointed out that Lett has been formerly closely associated with the proprietors and employees of the Harvard Club at Cleveland, Ohio. It is to be noted that several people interested in the operation of this club have recently been prosecuted at Cleveland, Ohio, in connection with this case and it is not believed that any information of value could be secured from them concerning the whereabouts of Lett. However, the Cleveland office will consider the advisability of approaching Shimmy Patton, one of the owners of the Harvard Club, to ascertain if he has any information concerning the present whereabouts of Lett. It is also entirely possible that Lett might be in communication with some of the employees of that club at the present time. However, inasmuch as this office is not familiar with the present set-up of the club at this time, no further suggestion is being made in this connection.

Attention is also directed to the fact that Lett was likewise closely associated with Clayton Hall, Youngstown, Ohio, who has served as an informant in this case in the past. There is some possibility that Lett might be in communication with this individual and the Cleveland Office will likewise consider the advisability of re-contacting him for this purpose.

Enclosures:

TO PORTLAND FIELD OFFICE- photograph of Milton Lett bearing  
Akron PD #26337.

TO OMAHA FIELD OFFICE- photograph of Milton Lett bearing  
Akron PD #26337.

Undeveloped Leads:

THE PORTLAND FIELD DIVISION at Portland, Oregon, is requested to expedite the investigation requested in report of Special Agent C. A. Grill, dated at Kansas City, Mo., 9-9-37. Particular attention is invited to the fact that there is some possibility that the Vern Ferris who is presently residing with Bernice Elliston may be a brother of Mrs. Lett, and may be in possession of information concerning the present whereabouts of Lett and his wife.

THE ST. LOUIS FIELD DIVISION is requested to expedite the investigation set forth in the report of Special Agent C. A. Grill, dated at Kansas City, Mo., on 9-9-37.

THE OMAHA FIELD DIVISION at Omaha, Nebraska, will conduct appropriate investigation in the vicinity of 1924 Locust Street to ascertain the identity of Mrs. M. C. Johns who has been recently corresponding with Mrs. D. C. Hollingsworth, 427 South Washington, Wichita, Kansas.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT <b>ATLANTA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>11-12-37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10-22-37 11-4-37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>H. E. PLAXICO</b>
TITLE <b>GEORGE TIMINEY, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1232, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> Pauline Hargrove, guest at Henry Grady Hotel on several occasions during the early part of October, 1937. Informants at Henry Grady Hotel state she has not been there recently.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Report of Special Agent William T. Morton, Memphis, 10-4-37; Letter from Little Rock, 8-27-37.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> Upon inquiry at the Henry Grady Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia, it was ascertained from Mr. Poole, Assistant Manager, that Pauline Hargrove has been seen in the Henry Grady Hotel on several occasions during the early part of October, 1937. She on one occasion was known to have occupied Room 804 where she went under the name of Pat Hargrove. Mr. Poole stated that a package was received at the Henry Grady Hotel on one occasion addressed to Pauline Hargrove and the woman known as Pat Hargrove called for the package and same was given to her. Mr. Poole did not know anything about her activities but informed that he would contact this office in the event she reappeared at the Henry Grady Hotel at any time and registered. Mr. Poole made inquiries among the bell boys subsequent to the above interview and he advised after conferring with them that Pat Hargrove has frequently appeared in the lobby of the hotel and it was thought that she at the present time was occupying an apartment in Atlanta, exact place unknown.</p> <p>Arrangements were effected with Mr. Poole who is personally known to Special Agent R. L. Fagan to notify the Atlanta Field Office in the event she should return to Atlanta and call at the Henry Grady Hotel for any purpose.</p> <p>In accordance with the request contained in reference letter, the photographs of Alvin Karpis, Fred Hunter, Grace Goldstein and Connie Morris are being returned to the Little Rock Office with its copies of this report.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. V. Vincent</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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This case is being referred upon completion to the office of origin subject to being reopened in the event any information of any kind is received at this office concerning Pauline Hargrove. Should further investigation be requested of this office to locate Pauline Hargrove, it is suggested that if new photographs of her are available that they be furnished the Atlanta Office.

ENCLOSURES: TO LITTLE ROCK OFFICE, photographs of Alvin Karpis, Fred Hunter, Grace Goldstein and Connie Morris.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

404 New York Building  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
November 13, 1937

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
MARTIN WUNDERLICH, VICTIM  
CONFIDENCE GAME.

Tommy Thompson, a reporter for the St. Paul Dispatch, telephoned me on November 12, 1937, inquiring whether we had any information indicating that John J. Curry, with aliases, subject of case entitled "John J. Curry, with aliases; Robert Ballentine, Victim; NSPA; Confidence Game", had an alias of Meade. I informed Thompson that I did not recall whether Curry had such an alias and asked him why he was inquiring. He stated that he had just received a tip from an informant of his that a fellow named Meade was one of the confidence men who swindled Martin Wunderlich out of \$200,000 in 1933, and that his informant had advised him that he believed John J. Curry, who at present is on bond on the charge filed against him at St. Paul in connection with the confidence game perpetrated on Robert Ballentine, was probably the Meade who was involved in swindling Wunderlich. Thompson stated that he had perused his files at the newspaper office and had found an Identification Order issued by this Bureau on William Elmer Mead and that his inquiries had indicated that John J. Curry had not used the alias of Meade. He believed that the informant was mixed up on the information he was giving concerning the connection between Mead and Curry, but that he believed his informant probably had some good information indicating that William Elmer Mead was connected with the swindle of Wunderlich. Thompson informed me that he was digging into the matter further and was again contacting his informant and that he would let me know if he obtained any good information. Thompson, of course, if he obtains any definite information, will undoubtedly write a newspaper article concerning him.

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After the telephonic conversation with Thompson, I reviewed our files for information concerning the swindling of Martin Wunderlich and found a memorandum by Special Agent R. G. Reed, who was then attached to the Kansas City Office, dated February 11, 1934, in our file on the Brammer case, which memorandum

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was transmitted to this office by letter of SAC Conroy, Kansas City, dated February 11, 1934, in the case UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim; Kidnaping. This letter was in response to a letter dated February 6, 1934, at St. Paul by Assistant Director Harold Nathan, requesting the Kansas City Office to interview Martin Wunderlich concerning the confidence game perpetrated on him, because at that time it was thought that the confidence men probably had some connection with the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer.

In reading this memorandum covering the interview with Martin Wunderlich, it appears that the modus operandi employed by the confidence men in the Wunderlich case compares very closely with the modus operandi employed in the case entitled TOM MESSICK, with aliases, et al; Henry C. Husman, Victim; NSPA; Conspiracy Confidence Game.

In this connection, please refer to the memorandum of Special Agent R. G. Reed in the Bremer case above referred to relating the modus operandi employed in the Wunderlich case, and the report of the writer dated September 16, 1937, at St. Paul, and report of Special Agent A. G. Berens, St. Paul, dated September 28, 1937, in the Messick case.

On page three, paragraph one, of the memorandum of Agent Reed in the Wunderlich case, it will be noted that the steerer, Layton, and Wunderlich were waiting for the "old man" and that Layton recognized an acquaintance in the hotel who identified himself as Billy Farley and that he put up a hard luck story of undue publicity which was about to cause him his job with the syndicate and later displayed several newspaper clippings with his picture appearing therein and later exhibited checks on the New York Exchange, Incorporated.

In connection with the Messick case, please refer to page three of my report of September 16, 1937, beginning at the first paragraph, wherein Husman, the victim, and Messick, the steerer, were loafing in the Warrior Hotel and Messick recognized a party whom he introduced as Bennett, a stock broker, and Bennett indicated he had been making big money in stock deals as the result of which he had been suspended from the brokerage house with which he was connected in Kansas City or Joplin.

I do not find this reflected in the report, but I recall that the Victim, Husman, stated that Bennett at this time exhibited newspaper clippings indicating that he, Bennett, was to be suspended from the stock brokerage house. The other modus operandi employed in both cases, in the Wunderlich case with reference to bidding on a horse race and in the Messick case with reference to buying stock, indicates almost identical modus operandi.

It is noted in the report of Special Agent J. L. Flood, dated July 23, 1936, at Omaha, Nebraska, in the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim; Kidnaping, etc., covering the interview with William Elmer Mead upon his apprehension at Omaha, Nebraska, on July 8, 1936, it is stated on page 16 of this report, that Mead would not admit that he participated in swindling Martin Wunderlich at St. Paul. It may be that Meade gave further definite information concerning the Wunderlich case, but I am unable to locate it at this time in our files.

It is realized that the confidence game employed on Wunderlich did not at that time constitute a Federal offense, but I thought that because this is still apparently one of the largest unsolved swindling cases that the Bureau might be interested in having photographs of the subjects in the Messick case and the subjects in the case entitled John J. Curry, et al, Robert Ballentine, Victim, displayed to the Victim, Martin Wunderlich, who is indicated by the telephone directory as now residing at 530 Desnoyer Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.

It is also thought that the Bureau, in view of the large file on well known confidence men now in possession of the Bureau, might desire to forward photographs of confidence men answering the approximate description of the confidence men as described in the memorandum of Agent Reed, and show same to Wunderlich in an effort to have the identification of the confidence men made at least, even though the same would probably not result in any Federal prosecution, but of course might possibly result in State prosecution.

I do not know the exact status of the State prosecution and do not at this time desire to make any inquiries in view of the activity of Thompson of the Dispatch.

Will the Bureau please advise me in the premises?

Very truly yours,

*E. J. Connelley*  
E. J. CONNELLEY

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 7450

Date Recorded: 1-5-38 10:00 A.M.

Single Fingerprint Report

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Case: Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.

Number: ~~7-576-1482~~

Specimens:

Requested that a General Appearance search be conducted  
from the information contained in the Memorandum dated  
February 11, 1934 from ~~the~~ Kansas City, Missouri for;  
Charles Layton Ben Taylor, with alias.  
"Bill" Farley Mr. Hopper

Examination requested by: Mr. Scott

Date received: chp Jan. 5, 1938.

Examination requested: G. A. search

Result of examination:

Examination by: Reenan

*4 G.A. completed. 28 photos  
January 5, 1938 P. H. Hopper*

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January 7, 1938.

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
MARTIN WUNDERLICH, VICTIM;  
CONFIDENCE GAME.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated November 13, 1937, in the above entitled matter, in which you suggested that photographs of the subjects in the case entitled Tom Mensick, with aliases, et al; Henry C. Hasman, Victim; National Stolen Property Act - Conspiracy Confidence Game, be displayed to victim Martin Wunderlich.

It is noted that you state that you realize that the confidence game employed on Wunderlich did not at that time constitute a Federal offense. However, in accordance with your suggestion, the Bureau feels that these photographs should be submitted to Mr. Wunderlich, in order that if an identification is made this information will be in the Bureau's files for possible future reference.

For your further use in this connection, there are transmitted herewith copies of photographs of the following confidence men whose descriptions, as a result of a search of the Bureau's general appearance file on confidence men, appear similar to the descriptions set forth in the memorandum of Special Agent R. G. Reed, dated February 11, 1934 at Kansas City, Missouri:

Marshall Donald Houston, FBI-#435571  
J. C. Perkins, #2819  
John Morell, #16181  
Harold Vag Wagner, #25764  
Jack Rochelle, #52769  
Norman Frederick Poor, #17114  
Robert Roland Smith, #9450  
Wm. Lee Harriman, FBI-#36885  
William Arthur Young, #17564  
Jesse M. Gratcher, #28029  
Merle Thomas Varney

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J. C. Howard, #1114  
David E. Beight, #64257  
G. A. Kelly, Jr., #1914  
Thomas L. Ryan, #120388  
Edward Carter  
Hugh H. Reeves,  
D. M. Roll  
Charles Henge, #12625  
John H. Adams  
Henry Horn, #10303  
Alvin Grenburg, #150313  
Carl Lugowski, #887456  
George Vanhooser  
Jacques Gerhardt, #49525  
Fletcher F. Craig, #5745  
Lester Parker  
Abe Zwillman, #A741.

These photographs should be returned to the Bureau when they have served their purpose. In the event an identification is effected, complete details should be immediately forwarded to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure



P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
November 12, 1937

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AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Special Agent in Charge,  
El Paso, Texas.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau has recently instructed that every effort be made to apprehend Milton Lett in order that he may be questioned in connection with harboring investigations in this case. The file reflects that he was a contact of Karpis and Harry Campbell and purchased the automobile which was used by Karpis, Campbell, et al. in the Gerrettsville, Ohio train robbery. However, at the present time, no Federal process is outstanding for him.

On November 10, 1937, Sheriff Hugh Owen, Nowata, Oklahoma, telephonically advised this office that Sergeant Andrew Bidwell of the Oklahoma State Highway Patrol, Bartlesville, Oklahoma, had learned through Anita McDonald, a waitress in the Snack Shop at Bartlesville, Oklahoma, that Milton Lett, accompanied by a girl answering to his wife's description, ate lunch at the Snack Shop on November 9th and 10, 1937. She stated that the woman who was accompanying Lett had a badly scarred face, apparently from an automobile accident. She reported that Lett was driving a 1936 gray Ford coach, license unknown.

For your information, Lett has numerous relatives in the vicinity of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, while his wife, the former Lucille Ferris, resides in Coffeyville, Kansas where she has numerous relatives as well as in Wichita, Kansas.

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Eddie Lett, cousin, Bartlesville, Oklahoma, better known as "Doc" Lett, has been assisting this office in securing information as to Milton Lett's whereabouts. On November 12, 1937, "Doc" Lett, accompanied by Special Agents L. E. Kingman and W. E. Hopton of this office, proceeded to Independence, Kansas where "Doc" Lett interviewed Ira Lett, a cousin of his and Milton, who was confined in the county jail there on a grand larceny charge under a year's sentence. It is not believed that Ira Lett would openly assist this Bureau in locating Lett. He did

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inform "Doc" Lett, however, that the last time he heard from Milton Lett was when he received a letter on June 27, 1937 who wrote from Lovington, New Mexico.

"Doc" Lett will contact Ira Lett at Independence, Kansas again within the next week after the latter has had time to secure additional information although confined in jail.

Following is a description of Milton Lett:

Name	Milton Lett, with aliases: Milt Lett, J. M. Lett, J. M. Lett, J. M. Lett, Thomas J. Shaw, Carl Baker, Mary Forth, George Benton, G. M. Benton, "George", "The Kid", and "Willie" and "Jimmie".
Age	21 (1935)
Height	5' 7"
Weight	145 lbs.
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Blue
Color	White
Complexion	Medium
FPC	9 U 00 14 1 U 00 11
Residence	Wann, Oklahoma
Occupation	Makes pretense of being gambler
Relatives	As follows:

Maggie Lett, mother, Rural Route No. 2, Wann, Oklahoma  
 Charles Lett, brother, Wann, Oklahoma  
 Clifford Collins, nephew, 150 Lulu Street, Wichita, Kansas  
 Lola Mize, sister, in California  
 Jane Lett Collins, sister, 150 Lulu Street, Wichita, Kansas  
 Ethel Lett Forth, sister, 1401 W. 35th Street, Wichita, Kansas  
 Fred Collins, nephew, 410 S. 2nd St., Ponca City, Okla.  
 Tony Collins, nephew, 1401 W. 35th St., Wichita, Kansas  
 Hazel Anderson, niece, 21 S. Allen St., Chanute, Kansas  
 Thelma Fritz, brother-in-law, 21 S. Allen St., Chanute, Kansas  
 Peggy Mize, sister (Raymond husband), Mojave, Cal.  
 Ora Collins, brother-in-law, deceased, Wichita, Kansas  
 Roy Collins, brother-in-law, Tyro, Kansas  
 Lucille Ferris Lett, wife, address unknown  
 John Lett, great uncle, Binger, Oklahoma  
 Ira Lett, cousin, Corpus Christi, Texas  
 Ella Anderson, sister (husband Walter), Coffeyville, Kansas  
 Eddie "Doc" Lett, cousin, Bartlesville, Oklahoma  
 William Lett, cousin, Nowata, Oklahoma

The following is a description of Mrs. Milton Lett, formerly Lucille Ferris:

Name	Mrs. Milton Lett nee Lucille Ferris
Age	17 (1936)
Height	5' 4"
Weight	120 lb.
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Light brown, parted in middle, with a grown-out permanent wave
Peculiarities	Broad nose
Clothing	Usually wears a green suit with white blouse; brown overcoat with cape collar and narrow band of brown fur on cape. On little finger of left hand wears a small signet ring and on ring finger same hand wears opal ring surrounded by pearls
Relatives	As follows:

A. V. Ferris, father, Wichita, Kansas  
 Mrs. Constance Ferris, mother, c/o Mrs. Bessie Haggard, 605 W. 10th St., S. Coffeyville, Okla.  
 Eva Hooper, aunt, 836 S. National Blvd., Springfield, Missouri  
 Andrew Ferris, grandfather, 419 N. 7th St., Kansas City, Kansas  
 Bernice Elliston, aunt (husband Elmer), Portland, Oregon  
 Mrs. John (Hazel) Hopper, aunt, 419 N. 7th St., Kansas City, Kansas  
 Addie Murren, aunt (husband Ben), Carrollton, Mo.  
 Ruth Drake Collins (closest friend), 604 Sycamore St., Coffeyville, Kans.  
 Clarence Ferris, uncle, (wife Irma), Hale, Mo.  
 Vern Ferris, Portland, Oregon (with Bernice Elliston)  
 Oren Ferris, uncle, 29 Clay St., Calico, Mo.  
 Hazel Hooper, aunt (husband John), 419 North 7th St., Kansas City, Kans.

I am enclosing two photographs of Milton Lett and one of his wife. Please conduct the necessary investigation at Lovington, New Mexico, noting that in all probability, Lett has been following the occupation of a gambler.

Very truly yours,

C. W. STEIN,  
 Special Agent in Charge.

cc Bureau  
 Cleveland  
 Chicago  
 Little Rock  
 Cincinnati  
 Kansas City

FBI OKLAHOMA CITY

11-11-37

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SAC KANSAS CITY

BREKID. ANITA MCDONALD, WAITRESS, SNACK SHOP, BARTLESVILLE, OKLAHOMA,

ADVISED AGENTS L E KINGMAN AND W E HOPTON THAT ON NOVEMBER NINTH AND

TENTH LAST MILTON LETT, WHOM SHE KNOWS AS JIMMIE, HAD LUNCH AT THE

SNACK SHOP. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY A GIRL ANSWERING TO HIS WIFE'S

DESCRIPTION, BUT SHE WAS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY HER PHOTOGRAPH. SHE STATES

THIS WOMAN'S FACE IS SCARRED APPARENTLY FROM AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT.

LETT WAS DRIVING A NINETEEN THIRTY SIX GRAY FORD COACH, LICENSE NUMBER

UNKNOWN. ANITA MCDONALD DATED LETT ONCE OR TWICE DURING THE WINTER OF

NINETEEN THIRTY SIX AND THIRTY SEVEN. SHE STATES THAT LETT DID NOT

RECOGNIZE HER THIS WEEK WHEN EATING AT THE SNACK SHOP. SHE HAS

PROMISED HER COOPERATION AND WILL ATTEMPT TO SECURE INFORMATION AT

FORMER STATE LINE TAVERN WHERE SHE FIRST MET LETT. AGENTS KINGMAN AND

HOPTON ARE CONDUCTING THOROUGH INVESTIGATION AT LIKELY POINTS IN

OKLAHOMA AND COFFEYVILLE, KANSAS. SUGGEST YOU BEAR THIS INFORMATION IN

MIND WHEN COVERING LEADS IN KANSAS.

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Cleveland  
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NIGHT LETTER	LETTER
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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. NOV. 13, 1937

D BRANTLEY  
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U S DEPT OF JUSTICE  
1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BLDG  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

BREKID. REFER REPORT O'LEARY NOVEMBER THIRD. VERNON STUCHLIK IS IN MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA. BUT WILL PICK UP WIFE AT FOUR EIGHTEEN CHANDLER STREET, TOPEKA, KANSAS, WHERE THEY WILL PROCEED TO HIS FATHER'S HOME AT HILL CITY. WON'T RETURN HERE UNTIL TWO WEEKS. SUGGEST ENDEAVOR CONTACT AND INTERVIEW STUCHLIK YOUR TERRITORY.

RNP:HK  
OFF BUS--CHG GOVT RATE  
FBI 903 PAC COM BLDG.

cc - Bureau  
cc - Cincinnati

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Los Angeles, California  
November 13, 1937

Special Agent in Charge  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID - L.A. File 7-42

It is requested that you immediately forward to this office twelve photographs each of MILTON LETT, Akron, Ohio P.D. No. 26337 and MRS. MILTON LETT.

Copies of these photographs are not being forwarded to your office, inasmuch as your files undoubtedly will contain same.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON  
Special Agent in Charge

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AIR MAIL

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903 Pacific Commerce Building  
437 South Hill Street  
Los Angeles, California  
November 13, 1937

Special Agent in Charge  
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID  
7-42

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. M. O'Leary, Kansas City, Missouri, dated November 3, 1937, and my telegram dated November 13, 1937, relative to interviewing VERNON STUCHLIK.

On November 13, 1937, Special Agent E. M. Franke was advised by Mrs. HAROLD STUCHLIK, 4273 South Vermont Avenue (home address, 4251 1/2 Kansas Avenue, Los Angeles) cousin to VERNON STUCHLIK, that the latter is presently on a vacation and is visiting in Minneapolis, Minnesota, but that he is expected to leave there shortly and proceed to 418 Chandler Street, Topeka, Kansas, where his wife is visiting her relatives; that from this address, both VERNON and his wife will then proceed to his father's home at Hill City, Kansas, to visit his father, who is ill; and that they will not return to Los Angeles for about two weeks.

MRS. STUCHLIK mentioned to Agent that VERNON had served eleven months in Lansing Prison for bootlegging, and thought that was what Agent was inquiring about, but she was merely advised that he was wanted for questioning in connection with another matter.

In view of this, the above-mentioned telegram was forwarded to your office requesting that you endeavor to contact and interview STUCHLIK either at Topeka or Hill City, Kansas. If you are unable to locate him, advise this office and he will be interviewed upon his return to Los Angeles.

Very truly yours,

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J. H. HANSON  
Special Agent in Charge

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November 16, 1937

Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: BREXID

Dear Sir:

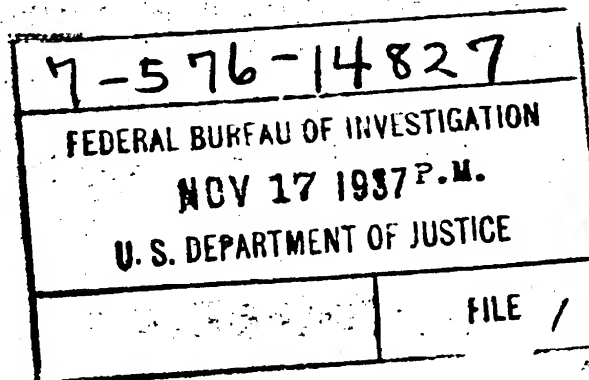
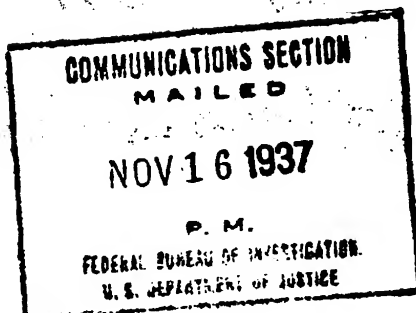
Reference is made to your letter dated February 12, 1936, indicating that a petition had been filed in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota for the return of \$2,710.00 of the ransom money which was recovered from the possession of Vidler and John McLaughlin, Jr. and impounded by the court, the hearing on this petition being set for February 15, 1936.

The Bureau desires to be advised as to the outcome of this petition.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
NOVEMBER 16, 1937

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

RE: BREXID *Edward J. Bremer*

Dear Sir:

A review of the file in this office fails to reveal any handwriting specimens of either Mr. or Mrs. Milton Lett. A letter dated November 8, 1937, from the Cincinnati Office, directed to the Bureau, indicates that the Bureau has been requested to furnish to interested offices any photostatic copies of the handwriting specimens of the above individuals, which may be contained in the Bureau files. In view of the fact that these specimens have not as yet been received by this office, there are being transmitted herewith the following mail tracings received in connection with mail covers in this district:

1. Addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Hollingworth, 127 South Washington, Wichita, Kansas; return address - Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Miller, 312 Inca Street, Denver, Colorado.
2. Addressed to Mrs. Ethelmas Hollingworth, 127 South Washington, Wichita, Kansas; return address - Mrs. M. C. Johns, 1921 Locust Street, Omaha, Nebraska.
3. Addressed to Mrs. Ethelmas Hollingworth, 127 South Washington, Wichita, Kansas; return address - Mrs. M. C. Johns, 1921 Locust Street, Omaha, Nebraska.
4. Postcard addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Hollingworth, 127 South Washington, Wichita, Kansas, signed Don and Pat.

No leads have been set out to determine the identity of the writers of these letters.

Very truly yours,

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DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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P. O. Box 709  
Portland, Oregon

November 13, 1937

W  
Special Agent in Charge  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Sir:

Re: GEORGE TIMNEY, w.a.  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, w.a.  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1232, et al  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping, etc.

Enclosed herewith are two copies of report of Special Agent E. P. Barber, Cincinnati, dated November 5, 1937, in the above entitled case, requesting that Bernice Elliston and Vern Ferris be located and interviewed. There is also forwarded herewith a photograph of Milton Lett, which photograph is mentioned in Agent Barber's report.

It is noted that Mr. and Mrs. Elliston, as well as Vern Ferris, are located in your territory, as set out in report of Special Agent S. M. Dennis, Portland, dated November 4, 1937.

Very truly yours,

O. G. SPEARS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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J. EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.**

Mr. Nathan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Baughman \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Dawsey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Foxworth \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Joseph \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Lester \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Schilder \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

JEL:TD  
2:00 P.M.

Date November 8, 1937

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM *air*

Mr. William ~~X~~ Shwain, Intelligence Unit of the Internal Revenue of the Treasury Department, was referred to the writer from your office. He was desirous of ascertaining the amount of money demanded in the Bremer kidnaping case, the amount recovered and as to how and to whom the amount recovered was paid. He also desired to ascertain the name of the individual to whom the original ransom letter was addressed. Mr. Shwain advised the writer that he was endeavoring to determine to which income tax return the loss sustained in this case should be given.

The writer advised Mr. Shwain that if this information was available it would be forwarded to the Commission of Internal Revenue, Honorable Guy T. Helvering.

A letter is being forwarded to Honorable Guy T. Helvering furnishing the requested information.

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Signature *J. E. Tamm*  
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*Edw. G. Bremer*

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7-576 -14830 November 16, 1937

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Honorable Guy F. Helvering,  
Commissioner,  
Bureau of Internal Revenue,  
Treasury Department,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Helvering:

In accordance with the oral request of Mr. William Shvaim, of the Intelligence Unit of the Internal Revenue, this is to advise that Mr. Edward G. Bremer, President of the Commercial State Bank, St. Paul, Minnesota, was kidnaped at St. Paul, Minnesota on January 17, 1934 and was released at Rochester, Minnesota on February 7, 1934 upon the payment of \$200,000.00 by his father, Adolph Bremer.

The original ransom note, demanding the \$200,000.00 in this case was addressed to Chas. McGee and was located on January 17, 1934 by Walter Hages, a friend of the Bremer family, in the stairway of his business address located at 118 West Central Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, after receiving an anonymous telephone call advising Walter Hages of the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer and the location of this letter.

\$19,870.00 of this \$200,000.00 ransom was located by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Of this \$19,870.00, \$17,160.00 was located in the various banks throughout the United States and in the Cuban treasury. This money was forwarded to the Redemption Division of the United States Treasury Department for utilization purposes. \$2,710.00 of this \$19,870.00 was located on individuals involved in this case. This \$2,710.00 was impounded by the court at St. Paul, Minnesota.

Sincerely yours,

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION Edgar Hoover  
MAILED  
John Edgar Hoover,  
NOV 18 1937 Director.

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